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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR MAY, 1924, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR APRIL, 1924, and MAY, 1923.

There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued during May as compared with April, but the total was a good deal lower than in May, 1923. According to reports from 56 cities, building to the value of \$14,215,670 was authorized last month as compared with \$13,452,359 in the preceding month and with \$18,610,611 in May of last year. The increase in the former comparison was 5.7 per cent and the decline in the latter was 23.6 per cent.

Reports in some detail were furnished by 48 cities which issued some 1,650 permits for dwellings at an estimated cost of more than \$7,000,000 and for almost 4,000 other buildings valued at over \$5,700,000. In addition, authority was granted for the construction of a grain elevator in Edmonton at a proposed cost of \$1,300,000.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with April. The gain of \$1,392,156 in Alberta was the largest actual and percentage increase. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that in Ontario of \$1,583,614 or 22.4 per cent was the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1923, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of authorized building. In this comparison also Alberta reported the largest gain; the value exceeded that for May of last year by \$1,198,870 or 283 per cent. In the remaining provinces the value of authorized building was lower. Ontario, with a decline of \$5,679,586 or 50.8 per cent, showed the largest decrease.

The value of the building permits issued in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver was greater than in April, but in the two cities first named it was smaller than in May, 1923, while in Vancouver it was larger. Toronto reported declines in both comparisons. Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Fort William, Guelph, Stratford, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Point Grey and Victoria registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with April, 1924 and also with May, 1923.

The building permits issued during the first five months of this year in the 56 cities had a lower valuation than in either 1923 or 1922, but the total was larger than in 1921. The aggregate for this year stands at \$44,509,404; as compared with the 1923 and 1922 totals of \$56,906,966, and \$53,242,862, this is a decline of 21.8 per cent and 16.4 per cent, respectively. In the first five months of 1921 the permits issued were valued at \$40,761,706. The 1924 total, therefore, was larger by 9.2 per cent than in that year.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during May as compared with April, 1924, and with May, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

Cities	May 1924 \$	April 1924 \$	May 1923 \$
P.E.I.-Charlottetown			12,000
Nova Scotia	63,277	81,525	76,869
x Halifax	38,460	51,660	43,462
New Glasgow	3,955	2,110	5,500
x Sydney	20,862	27,775	27,907
New Brunswick	78,035	30,528	119,555
Fredericton	16,200		19,750
x Moncton	36,835	6,528	39,805
x St. John	25,000	24,000	60,000
Quebec	3,881,180	4,327,145	4,566,509
x Montreal -Maisonneuve	2,800,810	2,690,615	3,524,825
x Quebec	661,780	500,922	402,269
Shawinigan Falls	64,015	17,530	20,925
x Sherbrooke	54,100	617,928	48,000
x Three Rivers	66,700	23,175	132,400
x Westmount	233,775	476,975	438,090
Ontario	5,493,542	7,077,156	11,173,128
Belleville	1,000	38,900	22,675
x Brantford	22,561	25,235	109,265
Chatham	14,520	19,850	28,650
x Fort William	163,300	112,920	44,625
Galt	11,002	18,050	35,650
x Guelph	82,881	49,290	74,116
x Hamilton	361,400	840,150	1,020,535
x Kingston	30,465	593,249	56,402
x Kitchener	180,545	141,031	326,080
x London	271,700	295,015	500,930
Niagara Falls	113,825	80,065	194,709
Oshawa	86,765	152,195	159,995
x Ottawa	373,785	247,335	503,742
Owen Sound	20,075	42,000	183,000
x Peterboro	30,015	60,070	26,175
x Port Arthur	179,557	25,680	1,335,418
x Stratford	154,654	148,434	110,895
x St. Catharines	43,480	82,483	121,430
x St. Thomas	9,433	73,250	43,345
Sarnia	70,450	103,315	69,751
Sault Ste Marie	50,904	31,390	76,785
x Toronto	2,169,997	2,463,275	4,048,565
York Township	411,000	808,550	1,172,450
Welland	17,190	13,130	16,510
x Windsor	606,190	557,345	869,315
Woodstock	16,848	54,449	22,115
Manitoba	713,773	340,277	857,486
x Brandon	11,330	1,062	17,556
St. Boniface	38,943	21,315	57,530
x Winnipeg	668,500	317,900	782,400
Saskatchewan	925,117	335,220	515,845
x Moose Jaw	143,521	168,900	29,760
x Regina	212,960	77,900	274,225
x Saskatoon	568,636	88,420	211,860
Alberta	1,622,020	229,864	423,150
x Calgary	184,370	85,370	133,560
x Edmonton	1,414,100	117,315	275,940
Lethbridge	11,545	20,179	10,950
Medicine Hat	12,005	7,000	2,700
British Columbia	1,433,726	1,030,644	866,069
Nanaimo	12,120	3,850	33,583
x New Westminster	43,645	43,380	35,723
Point Grey	579,000	429,600	297,100
Prince Rupert	29,935	17,300	6,810
South Vancouver	66,610	105,820	42,360
x Vancouver	640,076	400,175	413,113
x Victoria	143,340	30,519	37,380
Total 56 Cities	14,215,670	13,452,359	18,610,611
Total x 35 Cities	12,648,763	11,465,261	16,119,113
Accumulative total for first five months - 56 cities	1924 44,509,404	1923 56,906,966	1922 53,242,862

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JUNE, 1924, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY, 1924, and JUNE, 1923.

The value of the building authorized in 56 cities during June showed a slight decline as compared with May, 1924, and also with June, 1923. Building permits to the value of \$13,373,987 were issued during the month; this was a decrease of 5.9 per cent as compared with the May aggregate of \$14,215,670, and of 6.4 per cent as compared with the total of \$14,286,252 for June, 1923.

Detailed statements were furnished by 48 cities which had issued some 1,200 permits estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000. They also authorized over 3,000 other buildings at a proposed cost of about \$6,600,000.

As compared with May, 1924, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued, while in Ontario and the three Prairie Provinces there were reductions. Cities in Quebec recorded the largest actual gain, of \$581,929 or 15 per cent, while the greatest proportional increase, of \$146,543 or 231.6 per cent was in Nova Scotia. Alberta registered the largest actual and proportional decrease, of \$1,383,715 or 85.3 per cent.

In comparison with the returns for June of last year New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta showed declines in the value of building authorized, while in the remaining provinces improvement was indicated. The 26 cities reporting in Ontario recorded a reduction of \$2,599,280 or 32.2 per cent; this was the most marked decrease, actually and proportionally. British Columbia registered the largest increase, the value of the permits issued during the month under review exceeding that for June, 1923, by \$1,089,838 or 174.7 per cent.

The value of the building permits issued in Toronto and Vancouver was greater than in May, while in Montreal and Winnipeg it was less than in the preceding month. As compared with the figures for June, 1923, Vancouver only of the four largest cities, showed a gain. Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat reported increases in the value of the building authorized in both comparisons.

The building permits issued in 56 cities during the first six months of this year had a lower valuation than in the corresponding period of 1923 and 1922, but the aggregate was slightly higher than in the first half year of 1921. The total for 1924 stands at \$57,883,371 as compared with \$71,193,218 for 1923; with \$70,295,444 in 1922 and with \$54,695,580 in 1921. There were, therefore, reductions of 18.7 and 17.7 in the first two comparisons and an increase of 5.8 in the last comparison.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during June as compared with May, 1924, and with June, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

C i t y	June 1924	May 1924	June 1923
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. -Charlottetown			15,500
Nova Scotia	209,820	63,277	135,412
x Halifax	193,335	38,460	38,315
New Glasgow	5,200	3,955	5,440
x Sydney	11,285	20,862	91,657
New Brunswick	109,360	78,035	157,091
Fredericton	5,350	16,200	7,600
x Moncton	2,510	36,835	65,591
x St. John	101,500	25,000	83,900
Quebec	4,463,109	3,881,130	3,933,985
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	2,195,340	2,800,810	2,230,820
x Quebec	1,601,118	661,780	1,220,439
Shawinigan Falls	3,185	64,015	1,800
x Sherbrooke	40,400	54,100	128,500
x Three Rivers	304,325	66,700	104,035
x Westmount	318,741	233,775	248,391
Ontario	5,471,322	5,493,542	8,070,602
Belleville	8,950	1,000	nil
x Brantford	66,177	22,561	128,745
Chatham	50,200	14,520	45,050
x Fort William	102,850	163,300	61,900
Galt	29,925	11,002	16,775
x Guelph	34,735	82,881	79,605
x Hamilton	210,925	361,400	343,445
x Kingston	50,037	30,465	36,832
x Kitchener	242,357	180,545	262,285
x London	188,855	271,700	566,035
Niagara Falls	49,385	113,825	72,322
Oshawa	40,750	86,765	443,690
x Ottawa	377,250	373,785	309,360
Owen Sound	31,400	20,075	31,800
x Peterboro	74,798	30,015	53,127
x Port Arthur	17,966	179,557	85,520
x Stratford	46,870	154,654	55,455
x St. Catharines	199,745	43,480	52,505
x St. Thomas	17,015	9,433	181,925
Sarnia	157,750	70,450	53,125
Sault Ste. Marie	75,073	50,904	64,810
x Toronto	2,405,795	2,169,297	4,032,530
York Township	409,700	411,000	758,900
Welland	12,275	17,190	1,325
x Windsor	534,717	606,190	311,705
Woodstock	35,822	16,848	21,761
Manitoba	701,405	718,773	695,057
x Brandon	171,650	11,330	23,469
St. Boniface	105,655	38,943	43,938
x Winnipeg	424,100	668,500	627,600
Saskatchewan	467,073	925,117	402,685
x Moose Jaw	52,555	143,521	7,970
x Regina	205,710	212,960	221,990
x Saskatoon	208,808	568,636	172,725
Alberta	238,305	1,622,020	252,165
x Calgary	90,890	184,370	108,200
x Edmonton	113,425	1,414,100	137,305
Lethbridge	19,140	11,545	4,260
Medicine Hat	14,850	12,005	2,400
British Columbia	1,713,593	1,433,726	623,755
Nanaimo	9,500	12,120	111,150
x New Westminster	21,380	43,645	97,805
Point Grey	423,000	579,000	194,350
Prince Rupert	20,175	29,935	11,190
South Vancouver	61,200	66,610	27,220
x Vancouver	1,029,970	640,076	232,830
x Victoria	148,368	143,340	49,210
Total 56 Cities	13,373,987	14,215,670	14,286,252
Total x 35 Cities	11,805,502	12,648,763	12,451,796
Accumulative total for first six months - 56 cities	1924 57,883,371	1923 71,193,218	1922 70,295,444

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JULY, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR JUNE, 1924, AND JULY, 1923.

According to statements received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, a substantial decrease was recorded in the building permits issued last month in 56 cities; their value, following the usual seasonal trend, declined from \$13,373,987 in June to \$11,090,760 in July. This was a reduction of \$2,283,227 or 17.1 per cent. As compared with the same month of 1923, there was also a falling off in the permits issued, of \$1,441,702 or 11.5 per cent.

Forty-nine cities furnished detailed reports showing that they had issued some 1,200 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$4,900,000; and for over 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$6,000,000.

New Brunswick and Alberta showed increases of 631.1 and 51.6 per cent, respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with June, while declines were recorded in the remaining provinces. The reductions of \$819,741 or 18.4 per cent in Quebec, and of \$185,865 or 88.6 per cent in Nova Scotia were respectively the largest actual and proportional decreases.

As compared with July, 1923, New Brunswick and Quebec registered increases in the amount of prospective building; the former province showed a gain of 119.1 per cent and the latter of 49.4 per cent. Of the declines indicated in the other provinces, that of \$2,162,050 or 31.2 per cent, in Ontario was actually the most pronounced, while the largest percentage reduction of \$63,690, or 72.7 per cent, was in Nova Scotia.

The value of authorized building in Montreal was greater than in the preceding month and also than in July, 1923. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there were declines in both comparisons. Of the other cities, St. John, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Calgary, Point Grey and Prince Rupert registered increases in projected building as compared with both June, 1924 and July, 1923.

The value of building permits issued in 56 cities during the first seven months of this year was lower by 17.6 per cent than in 1923 and by 19.6 per cent than in 1922. It was, however, 5.4 per cent greater than in 1921. The aggregate for the period January to July in 1924 was \$68,974,131; for 1923, \$83,725,680; for 1922, \$85,742,989 and for 1921, \$65,451,255.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during July as compared with June, 1924 and with July, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

	July 1924	June 1924	July 1923
P.E.I.-Charlottetown			3,000
Nova Scotia	23,955	209,820	87,645
x Halifax	13,200	193,335	33,450
New Glasgow	355	5,200	7,000
x Sydney	10,400	11,285	47,195
New Brunswick	799,582	109,360	365,015
Fredericton	nil	5,350	212,375
x Moncton	11,425	2,510	93,640
x St. John	783,157	101,500	58,500
Quebec	3,643,368	4,463,109	2,437,922
x Montreal -Maisonneuve	2,922,665	2,195,340	1,619,370
x Quebec	218,338	1,601,118	505,222
Shawinigan Falls	9,840	3,185	9,365
x Sherbrooke	66,000	40,400	140,150
x Three Rivers	163,650	304,325	53,385
x Westmount	262,875	318,741	110,430
Ontario	4,757,881	5,471,322	6,919,931
Belleville	200	8,950	nil
x Brantford	10,950	66,177	47,126
Chatham	19,234	50,200	41,050
x Fort William	83,475	102,850	47,100
Galt	13,290	29,925	10,695
x Guelph	32,110	34,735	42,270
x Hamilton	363,925	210,925	879,320
x Kingston	116,047	50,037	35,400
x Kitchener	59,824	242,357	364,030
x London	157,370	138,855	359,615
Niagara Falls	74,745	49,335	62,625
Oshawa	83,525	40,750	328,655
x Ottawa	233,530	377,250	172,150
Owen Sound	18,500	31,400	18,500
x Peterborough	75,231	74,798	50,095
x Port Arthur	23,225	17,966	48,005
x Stratford	110,221	46,870	62,230
x St. Catharines	51,613	109,745	115,950
x St. Thomas	2,080	17,015	5,448
Sarnia	19,015	157,750	165,327
Sault Ste. Marie	89,360	75,073	32,931
x Toronto	2,370,715	2,405,725	2,980,105
York Township	320,400	409,700	717,550
Welland	5,275	12,275	3,045
x Windsor	382,405	534,717	321,512
Woodstock	25,576	35,822	9,197
Manitoba	438,065	701,405	861,962
x Brandon	4,000	171,650	41,977
St. Boniface	63,415	105,655	182,785
x Winnipeg	370,650	424,100	627,200
Saskatchewan	126,915	467,073	304,910
x Moose Jaw	10,710	52,555	110,600
x Regina	63,895	205,710	109,085
x Saskatoon	52,310	208,808	85,225
Alberta	361,370	238,305	461,920
x Calgary	163,325	90,890	56,400
x Edmonton	190,775	113,425	316,750
Lethbridge	5,055	19,140	85,200
Medicine Hat	2,215	14,250	3,570
British Columbia	939,624	1,712,225	1,090,157
Nanaimo	9,950	6,200	6,170
x New Westminster	14,725	21,320	30,370
Point Grey	40,600	423,000	227,650
Prince Rupert	10,377	20,175	6,000
South Vancouver	10,377	61,200	59,560
Vancouver	352,183	1,028,970	601,342
Victoria	22,099	148,368	159,065
Total 56 Cities	11,090,760	13,373,987	12,532,462
Total x 35 Cities	9,781,108	11,805,502	10,339,712
Accumulative total for	1924	1923	1922
first seven month- 56 cities	68,974,131	83,725,680	85,742,989

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR AUGUST, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR JULY, 1924, AND AUGUST, 1923.

Reports from 56 cities, tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show that there was a decline in prospective building during August, when the value of the permits issued was \$9,463,756, as compared with \$11,090,760 in July, 1924. This was a decrease of \$1,627,004 or 14.7 per cent, which was considerably more than the average decline registered during August as compared with July, based on figures for 35 cities in the last fourteen years. In comparison with August, 1923, there was a falling off of \$1,548,002 or 14.1 per cent; the value for that month was \$11,011,758.

Detailed statements were furnished by 46 cities, showing that they had issued nearly 800 permits for dwellings valued at over \$3,000,000, and some 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,000,000.

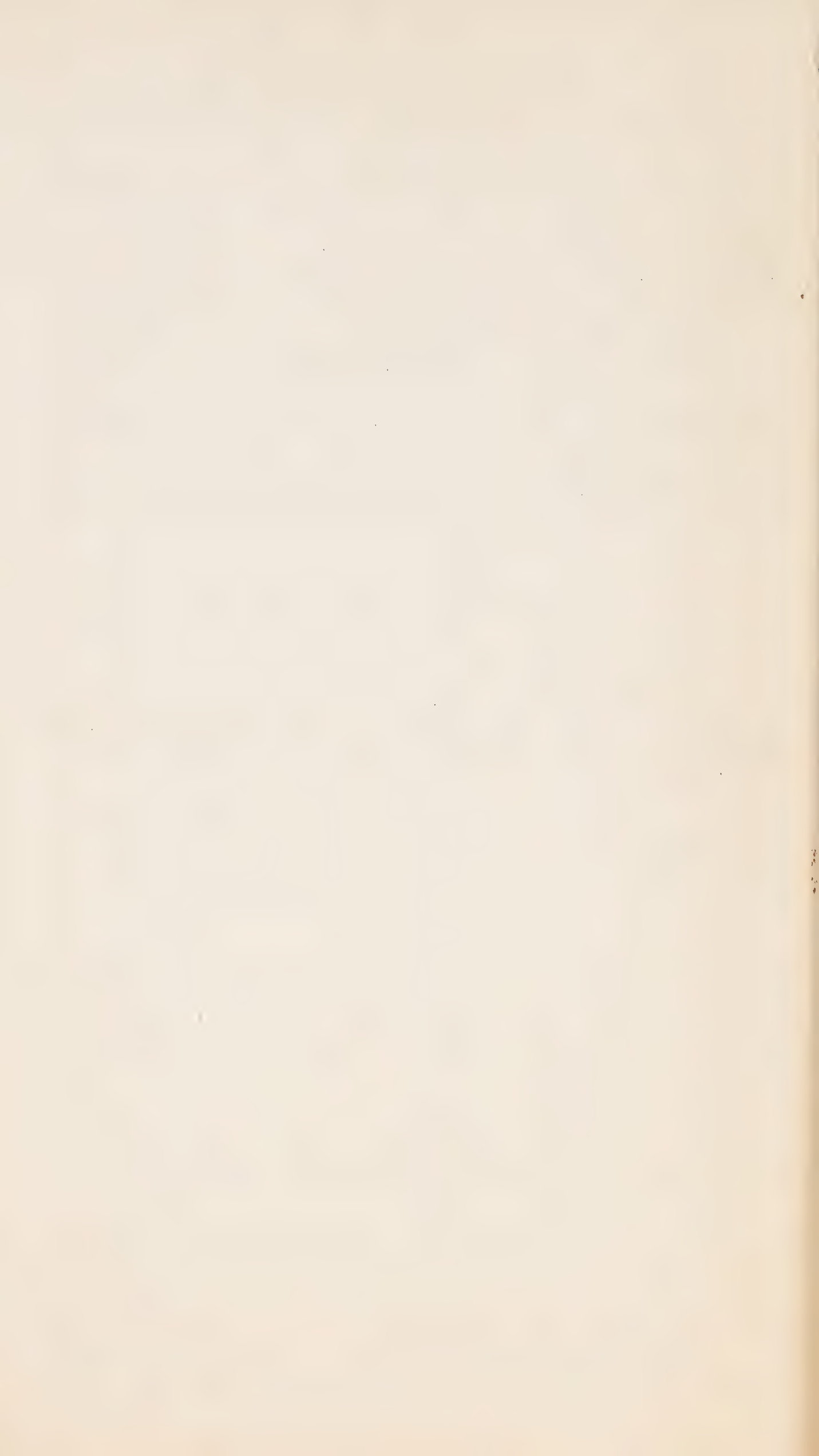
The value of the building authorized in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan was higher than during July, there being increases of 256.0, 22.7 and 91.4 per cent, respectively, in these provinces. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,629,794, or 34.3 per cent in Ontario was the largest actual loss, while the most pronounced proportional reduction, of \$688,093 or 86.1 per cent, was in New Brunswick.

As compared with August, 1923, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of permits issued; those in Quebec of \$1,966,975 or 78.6 per cent and in New Brunswick of \$81,284 or 269.1 per cent, were most marked. The 26 cities reporting in Ontario recorded a decline of \$2,289,640 or 42.3 per cent, while in British Columbia there was a decrease of \$1,204,344 or 59.1 per cent.

The value of prospective building in Montreal was higher than in July, 1924, and also than in August, 1923. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, however, there was a falling off in both comparisons. Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Belleville, Chatham, St. Catharines, Welland, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded gains as compared with the preceding month and also with August of last year.

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities during the first eight months of this year was 17.2 per cent lower than in the same period of 1923, and 24.4 per cent lower than in 1922. There was, however, an increase of 2.9 per cent as compared with 1921. The total for the January-August period 1924 was \$78,437,887; in 1923, \$94,737,438; in 1922, \$103,689,217 and in 1921, \$76,245,999.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during August as compared with July, 1924, and with August, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

C i t y	August 1924	July 1924	August 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	nil	nil	12,700
Nova Scotia	87,675	23,955	53,225
x Halifax	77,420	13,200	16,420
New Glasgow	805	355	11,000
x Sydney	9,450	10,400	25,800
New Brunswick	111,489	799,582	30,200
Fredericton	16,000	nil	4,620
x Moncton	5,530	11,425	19,580
x St. John	89,959	788,157	6,000
Quebec	4,469,708	3,643,368	2,502,733
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	3,219,825	2,922,665	1,839,367
x Quebec	373,553	218,338	287,770
Shawinigan Falls	68,625	9,840	900
x Sherbrooke	11,000	66,000	6,300
x Three Rivers	560,450	163,650	35,695
x Westmount	236,250	262,875	276,001
Ontario	3,128,087	4,757,881	5,417,727
Belleville	42,400	200	6,000
x Brantford	12,072	10,950	18,284
Chatham	110,325	19,234	21,675
x Fort William	71,175	83,475	57,825
Galt	5,744	13,290	21,040
x Guelph	30,577	32,110	76,387
x Hamilton	254,050	363,925	458,550
x Kingston	34,363	116,047	23,344
x Kitchener	45,281	59,824	80,855
x London	207,515	157,570	247,020
Niagara Falls	20,895	74,745	31,015
Oshawa	37,155	83,525	180,175
x Ottawa	106,030	238,930	267,500
Owen Sound	6,200	18,500	12,000
x Peterboro	33,805	75,281	25,033
x Port Arthur	20,125	23,225	36,680
x Stratford	45,525	110,921	92,383
x St. Catharines	65,997	51,613	64,970
x St. Thomas	10,380	2,880	25,270
Sarnia	62,940	19,015	79,535
Sault Ste Marie	70,835	80,360	112,725
x Toronto	1,098,530	2,370,715	2,077,425
York Township	310,500	329,400	780,100
Welland	44,640	5,275	9,885
x Windsor	375,385	382,495	527,680
Woodstock	4,643	25,576	84,321
Manitoba	392,250	438,065	537,742
x Brandon	6,500	4,000	27,052
St. Boniface	31,700	63,415	76,790
x Winnipeg	354,050	370,650	433,900
Saskatchewan	242,876	126,915	194,455
x Moose Jaw	12,930	10,710	9,300
x Regina	114,310	63,895	73,755
x Saskatoon	115,636	52,310	111,400
Alberta	197,677	361,370	224,637
x Calgary	86,690	163,325	78,000
x Edmonton	96,290	190,775	123,050
Lethbridge	13,997	5,055	20,420
Medicine Hat	700	2,215	3,167
British Columbia	833,924	930,624	2,038,334
Nanaimo	15,800	9,950	3,860
x New Westminster	29,192	14,705	11,360
Point Grey	470,400	453,600	248,000
Prince Rupert	13,375	44,877	19,493
South Vancouver	47,002	42,225	49,450
x Vancouver	231,745	352,168	1,514,490
x Victoria	25,920	22,099	191,675
Total 56 Cities	9,463,756	11,090,760	11,011,750
x 35 Cities	8,067,515	9,781,108	9,222,830
Cumulative total for first eight months - 56 cities	1924 78,437,887	1923 94,737,438	1922 103,689,210

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR JULY, 1924, AND AUGUST, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities showed a considerable increase in September as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with September, 1923. According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the building authorized last month was valued at \$14,566,504, while in August, 1924, it was \$9,463,756 and in September of last year it was \$10,478,618. There was, therefore, an increase of \$5,102,748 or 53.9 per cent in the former comparison and of \$4,087,886 or 39.0 per cent in the latter. The total for September is the highest in any month of this year; it is also the largest recorded in September of any year since 1913.

Detailed statements were furnished by 48 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$4,500,000, and for some 2,500 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,500,000.

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded substantial increases in the value of the building permits issued; the percentage gains were 63.6, 62.5 and 55.3, respectively in these provinces. Prince Edward Island also reported improvement. Over August. Elsewhere there were declines on a rather small scale, that of \$42,659 or 38.3 per cent in New Brunswick being the largest proportional loss. The decrease of \$85,023 or 21.7 per cent in Manitoba was the most extensive actual reduction.

As compared with September, 1923, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered increases in the estimated value of building. The gain of \$3,927,715 or 116.0 per cent in Quebec was most pronounced. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that in Alberta of \$192,440 or 51.4 per cent and in Manitoba of \$216,809 or 41.4 per cent were the largest.

An analysis of the returns by cities shows that in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver the value of contemplated building was higher than in August, 1924, and also than in September, 1923. In Winnipeg, on the other hand, there were declines in both comparisons. Fredericton, Quebec, Westmount, Galt, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Windsor, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary registered increases in both cases.

The building permits issued in the first three quarters of this year had a lower valuation than in the corresponding nine months of 1923 and 1922 but the total was higher than in 1921. The aggregate for 1924 is \$93,017,457 for 1923, \$105,216,056, for 1922, \$115,115,356 and for 1921, \$86,970,447. The declines in the first two comparisons were 11.6 and 19.2 per cent, respectively, and the gain as compared with 1921 was 7 per cent.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during September as compared with August, 1924 and with September, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

C I T Y		Aug. 1924	Sept. 1923
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	1,500		2,000
Nova Scotia	78,962	87,675	103,055
x Halifax	71,072	77,420	40,105
New Glasgow	775	805	3,750
x Sydney	6,235	9,450	59,200
New Brunswick	68,830	111,439	48,590
Fredericton	49,500	16,000	8,920
x Monton	6,530	5,530	19,670
x St. John	13,800	89,959	20,000
Quebec	7,313,968	4,469,708	3,383,255
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	3,727,714	3,219,825	2,438,880
x Quebec	3,199,264	373,558	743,295
Shawinigan Falls	30,475	68,625	35,000
x Sherbrooke	13,500	11,000	44,000
x Three Rivers	19,950	560,450	43,855
x Westmount	335,065	256,250	81,225
Ontario	5,084,453	3,128,087	4,692,684
Belleville	12,100	42,400	nil
x Bramford	14,505	12,072	146,517
Cutham	27,725	110,325	8,300
x Fort William	64,850	71,175	96,225
Galt	6,770	5,744	3,945
x Guelph	46,985	30,577	31,677
x Hamilton	318,700	254,050	596,250
x Kingston	26,750	34,563	19,494
x Kitchener	68,785	45,281	223,130
x London	115,695	207,515	252,045
Niagara Falls	165,600	20,895	131,250
Oshawa	163,245	37,155	74,370
x Ottawa	436,385	106,030	250,955
Owen Sound	15,050	6,200	10,500
x Peterboro	51,755	33,805	17,636
x Port Arthur	16,191	20,125	268,401
x Stratford	51,720	45,525	31,180
x St. Catherines	54,310	65,997	46,480
x St. Thomas	9,260	10,330	10,110
Sarnia	65,010	65,940	73,695
Sault Ste Marie	21,035	70,835	32,675
x Toronto	2,610,120	1,098,530	1,559,212
York Township	277,350	310,500	520,450
Welland	14,790	44,640	30,940
x Windsor	390,420	375,385	253,542
Woodstock	10,150	4,643	3,155
Manitoba	307,227	392,250	524,036
x Brandon	20,200	6,500	43,131
St. Boniface	24,927	31,700	21,055
x Winnipeg	262,100	354,050	459,850
Saskatchewan	234,570	243,876	170,160
x Moose Jaw	19,955	12,930	12,560
x Regina	88,395	114,310	123,215
x Saskatoon	126,220	115,636	34,335
Alberta	182,195	197,677	374,635
x Calgary	104,200	86,690	43,580
x Edmonton	74,425	96,290	311,650
Letbridge	3,275	13,997	15,645
Medicine Hat	295	700	3,760
British Columbia	1,294,776	833,994	1,177,203
Nanaimo	4,450	15,860	16,510
x New Westminster	25,405	29,192	14,445
Point Grey	433,300	470,400	179,000
Prince Rupert	11,750	15,875	24,850
South Vancouver	44,120	47,003	275,100
x Vancouver	747,170	231,745	621,978
x Victoria	28,521	25,920	45,320
Total 56 Cities	14,566,504	9,463,756	10,478,618
Total 35 Cities	13,185,312	8,067,515	9,003,248
Accumulative total for first	1924	1923	1923
nine months - 56 cities	93,017,431	105,216,056	115,113,336

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1924, and OCTOBER, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during October was lower than in the preceding month, but it was greater than in October, 1923. Building in Canada is so greatly influenced by seasonal changes that the comparison of permits issued in any month with the corresponding month of other years is necessarily more significant than is the change since the preceding month. According to statements received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 56 cities, the total for October was \$11,533,111, compared with \$14,566,504 in September, 1924, and with \$9,743,024 in October of last year; the loss in the former comparison was 20.8 per cent and the gain in the latter was 18.4 per cent. The change since the preceding month is somewhat greater than the average decline in October as compared with September over a period of 14 years, but it should be noted that the total for September was unusually large for that month, being, in fact, the highest total for September of any year since 1913.

Statements in some detail were furnished by 48 cities, showing that they had issued about 1,300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,500,000, and more than 3,000 permits for other buildings, valued at nearly \$4,700,000.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with September; New Brunswick, with a gain of \$119,120 or 173.1 per cent, showed the largest actual and proportional gain. Of the declines registered in the remaining provinces, those in Quebec of \$2,800,680 or 38.3 per cent and in Nova Scotia of \$48,097 or 62.2 per cent were, respectively, the largest actual and proportional decreases.

In comparison with the returns for October, 1923, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Manitoba showed increases in the value of the building permits issued. The gain of \$1,509,310 or 50.2 per cent in Quebec was most pronounced actually, while the largest proportionate increase of \$116,620, or 78.5 per cent, was in Alberta.

The value of building authorized in Montreal was greater during October than in September, 1924, and October, 1923; Toronto showed a decrease in the former and an increase in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded reductions in both comparisons. Fredericton, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Windsor, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver registered increases as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

The value of the building permits issued during the first ten months of 1924 was lower by 9.1 per cent and 16.7 per cent than in 1923 and 1922, respectively, but it was 7.4 per cent higher than in the same period of 1921. The total for this year is \$104,550,542, for 1923, \$114,959,020, for 1922, \$125,458,106 and for 1921, \$97,318,180.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during October and September, 1924, and October, 1923. The 35 cities for which returns are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

C I T Y	Oct. 1924	Sept. 1924	Oct. 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	nil	1,500	nil
Nova Scotia	28,285	78,923	90,415
x Halifax	25,630	71,972	74,465
New Glasgow	2,145	775	3,375
x Sydney	4,080	6,235	11,975
New Brunswick	137,950	63,830	120,040
Fredericton	162,000	49,500	19,250
x Moncton	14,550	6,530	82,590
x St. John	11,400	12,800	17,500
Quebec	4,513,293	7,313,968	3,003,978
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	4,105,133	5,727,711	2,116,180
x Quebec	122,735	3,128,281	296,158
Shawinigan Falls	30,300	30,175	45,000
x Sherbrooke	6,000	13,500	40,000
x Three Rivers	51,700	18,250	53,320
x Westmount	224,235	325,035	423,960
Ontario	5,179,575	5,081,136	5,041,721
Belleville	15,400	12,100	3,450
x Brantford	8,355	12,503	17,737
Chatham	21,125	27,725	7,000
x Fort William	528,950	61,250	23,150
Galt	17,535	6,770	12,505
x Guelph	37,070	46,935	58,847
x Hamilton	175,950	318,700	351,100
x Kingston	85,339	26,750	25,823
x Kitchener	162,229	66,735	93,725
x London	244,265	115,395	264,055
Niagara Falls	83,297	163,600	56,940
Oshawa	25,335	160,345	97,330
x Ottawa	231,919	436,985	633,365
Owen Sound	5,500	15,050	25,600
x Peterboro	50,959	51,755	31,455
x Port Arthur	10,330	16,191	72,450
x Stratford	24,295	51,720	19,567
x St. Catharines	37,900	54,310	142,220
x St. Thomas	17,135	9,260	15,530
Sarnia	11,115	65,010	35,441
Sault Ste. Marie	146,312	21,035	25,192
x Toronto	2,202,215	2,640,120	1,940,263
York Township	475,250	277,350	613,000
Welland	23,215	14,790	17,620
x Windsor	467,595	390,420	427,115
Woodstock	7,314	10,150	20,026
Manitoba	321,745	307,227	417,512
x Brandon	45,300	20,300	6,712
St. Boniface	17,345	21,227	31,530
x Winnipeg	259,100	266,100	376,450
Saskatchewan	198,765	251,570	191,330
x Moose Jaw	76,710	19,955	26,935
x Regina	61,520	60,325	124,370
x Saskatoon	57,935	126,320	30,030
Alberta	265,150	122,125	140,550
x Calgary	73,480	104,200	61,200
x Edmonton	92,125	74,425	55,670
Lethbridge	65,245	3,275	26,150
Medicine Hat	33,700	295	2,310
British Columbia	836,753	1,294,776	728,212
Nanaimo	13,350	4,150	6,720
x New Westminster	16,950	25,165	28,110
Point Grey	425,600	135,500	262,500
Prince Rupert	12,838	11,750	4,285
South Vancouver	43,123	44,120	54,100
x Vancouver	293,085	747,170	297,523
x Victoria	35,110	26,521	95,637
Total 56 Cities	11,533,111	14,636,304	9,745,024
Total 33 Cities x	2,642,232	13,183,512	2,339,124
Cumulative total for first ten months - 56 Cities	1924	1923	1922
	104,550,542	114,959,080	125,458,106

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1924, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER, 1924, and NOVEMBER 1923.

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, there was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued in 56 cities during November as compared with October, but there was an increase over November, 1923. As was pointed out in the last report, the comparison in any one month with the same month of previous years is more significant than is that between succeeding months in a country where the seasonal element is as important as in Canada. The total for November, 1924, stood at \$9,555,472; this was 17.1 p.c. lower than the total of \$11,533,111 for October, 1924, but 18.9 p.c. higher than the November, 1923, aggregate of \$8,035,466.

Reports in some detail were furnished by 46 cities which issued nearly 1,000 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000 and about 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$4,650,000.

Nova Scotia was the only province to show an increase as compared with October; the permits during November were 128 per cent higher than in the former month. The decline registered in Ontario of \$1,158,830 or 22.4 p.c. was the largest actual loss, while Manitoba, with a reduction of \$188,045 or 58.4 p.c., recorded the greatest proportional reduction.

As compared with November, 1923, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia issued permits of a higher valuation; the remaining provinces showed declines. The most pronounced gain, of \$1,779,732 or 69.6 p.c., was in Quebec. Manitoba reported the largest decrease, of \$323,150, or 70.7 p.c.

The permits issued in Montreal, though lower in value than in October, were over twice as large as in November of last year. In Toronto there were minor gains in both comparisons, while Winnipeg registered losses. Vancouver recorded a rather greater total of building authorized than in October, 1924, but a decline as compared with November, 1923. Sydney, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Calgary, Prince Rupert and Victoria showed increases over both October, 1924, and November, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during the first eleven months of 1924 was 7.2 p.c. lower than in 1923 and 15.8 p.c. lower than in 1922. It was, however, 4.8 p.c. higher than the January-November total for 1921. The eleven-month aggregate for 1924 is \$114,106,014, for 1923, \$122,994,546, for 1922, \$135,543,521 and for 1921, \$108,929,544.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during November and October, 1924, and November, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated
by Building Permits

C I T Y	Nov. 1924	Oct. 1924	Nov. 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	3,000
Nova Scotia	68,285	29,885	51,637
x Halifax	27,920	23,660	29,642
New Glasgow	1,000	2,145	295
x Sydney	39,365	4,080	21,700
New Brunswick	10,750	137,950	19,190
Fredericton		162,000	2,400
x Moncton	4,250	14,550	6,190
x St. John	6,500	11,400	10,600
Quebec	4,337,736	4,513,288	2,550,004
x Montreal - xHaissonneuve	3,956,900	4,105,125	1,862,214
x Quebec	142,061	122,735	516,000
Shawinigan Falls	11,250	20,600	Nil
x Sherbrooke	7,500	6,000	64,000
x Three Rivers	26,400	34,200	60,340
x Westmount	193,625	224,625	10,450
Ontario	4,020,745	5,179,575	4,096,790
Belleville	8,300	15,400	5,000
x Brantford	5,650	8,855	25,202
Chatham	18,250	21,125	11,822
x Fort William	23,400	520,950	5,925
Galt	8,510	17,535	2,825
x Guelph	30,949	37,070	24,495
x Hamilton	176,850	175,850	337,550
x Kingston	24,988	85,339	2,300
x Kitchener	81,515	162,229	60,075
x London	151,610	244,265	163,600
Niagara Falls	52,465	83,997	87,380
Oshawa	27,225	25,325	52,560
x Ottawa	228,480	231,919	194,040
Owen Sound	14,400	5,500	10,000
x Peterboro	33,665	50,959	12,855
x Port Arthur	3,387	10,380	2,681
x Stratford	11,090	24,895	39,230
x St. Catharines	39,085	37,900	28,676
x St. Thomas	3,095	27,725	14,230
Sarnia	142,700	62,325	21,015
Sault Ste. Marie	20,190	146,643	10,348
x Toronto	2,213,585	2,202,215	2,013,513
York Township	389,400	475,250	606,150
Welland	13,190	23,215	41,640
x Windsor	256,730	467,395	304,415
Woodstock	41,536	7,314	19,263
Manitoba	133,700	321,745	456,850
x Brandon	3,300	45,300	4,200
St. Boniface	26,800	17,345	18,400
x Winnipeg	103,600	259,100	434,250
Saskatchewan	47,610	198,765	60,827
x Moose Jaw	3,770	76,310	777
x Regina	27,435	64,520	19,775
x Saskatoon	16,405	57,935	40,275
Alberta	107,921	265,150	80,475
x Calgary	74,070	73,480	27,500
x Edmonton	28,675	92,125	41,550
Lethbridge	4,791	65,845	7,590
Medicine Hat	385	33,700	3,835
British Columbia	828,725	836,753	708,693
Nanaimo	2,500	13,350	10,395
x New Westminster	24,420	16,950	49,650
Point Grey	230,100	425,600	120,500
Prince Rupert	16,275	14,535	6,065
South Vancouver	26,650	48,123	31,390
x Vancouver	302,950	293,085	427,125
x Victoria	225,830	25,110	63,560
Total 56 cities	9,555,472	11,533,111	8,035,466
Total 35 cities x	8,499,055	9,846,239	6,963,593
Accumulative total for first eleven months - 56 cities	1924 114,106,014	1923 122,994,546	1922 135,543,521

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1924, AND DECEMBER, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during December declined by 34.5 per cent as compared with the preceding month; there was also a reduction of 9.4 per cent as compared with December, 1923 - a more significant comparison. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 56 cities which authorized building to the value of \$6,259,942. In November, 1924, the total was \$9,555,472 and in December, 1923, it was \$6,912,400.

Reports in some detail were furnished by 34 municipalities, showing that they had issued some 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,900,000, and for nearly 800 other buildings also valued at almost \$1,900,000.

All provinces reported decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, 1924; those of \$2,245,531, or 51.8 per cent in Quebec, and \$59,260, or 86.8 per cent in Nova Scotia, were the largest actual and proportionate losses, respectively.

As compare with December, 1923, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed increases. Quebec registered the most pronounced actual increase, of \$95,375, or 4.8 per cent, while the gain of \$24,565, or 88.1 per cent in Alberta was proportionally largest. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that in Ontario of \$448,577, or 11 per cent, was the most marked.

The permits issued in Toronto had a slightly higher valuation in December 1924 than in either November 1924 or December, 1923; in Montreal and Vancouver there were reductions in both comparisons, while the total for Winnipeg was smaller than in the preceding month but larger than in December, 1923. Three Rivers, Belleville, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, Moose Jaw, New Westminster and South Vancouver registered improvement in both comparisons.

The building permits issued during 1924 were 7.3 per cent lower in value than in 1923, and 17.0 per cent lower than in 1922, but the total exceeded that for 1921 by 5.2 per cent. The aggregate for 1924 (based upon unrevised figures) was \$120,365,956; for 1923, \$129,906,946, for 1922, \$144,980,388 and for 1921, \$114,423,974. The last three totals are based upon revised figures furnished by city officials.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during December and November, 1924 and December, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated
by Building Permits

C I T Y	Dec. 1924	Nov. 1924	Dec. 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			2,000
Nova Scotia	9,025	68,285	20,825
x Halifax	7,175	27,920	17,090
New Glasgow	100	1,000	250
x Sidney	1,750	39,365	3,485
New Brunswick	6,500	10,750	20,150
Fredericton	4,000		1,000
x Moncton	nil	4,250	10,450
St. John	2,500	6,500	8,700
Quebec	2,092,205	4,337,736	1,996,830
x Montreal -x Maisonneuve	1,612,385	3,956,900	1,780,525
x Quebec	76,495	142,061	88,810
Shawinigan Falls	nil	11,250	nil
x Sherbrooke	3,000	7,500	68,150
x Three Rivers	317,175	26,400	10,595
x Westmount	83,150	193,625	48,750
Ontario	3,638,102	4,020,745	4,086,679
Belleville	37,000	8,800	nil
x Brantford	6,515	5,650	9,685
Chatham	30,000	18,250	30,000
x Fort William	50,350	23,400	270,530
Galt	181	8,510	7,000
x Guelph	3,445	30,949	24,165
x Hamilton	164,800	176,850	195,750
x Kingston	10,800	24,988	19,347
x Kitchener	187,220	81,515	41,865
x London	80,245	151,610	89,805
Niagara Falls	98,200	52,465	44,480
Oshawa	28,550	27,225	285,685
x Ottawa	59,650	228,480	401,550
Owen Sound	nil	14,400	1,500
x Peterboro	15,750	33,665	14,885
x Port Arthur	4,602	3,387	5,085
x Stratford	5,310	11,090	2,720
x St. Catharines	21,250	39,085	53,282
x St. Thomas	5,000	3,095	3,850
Sarnia	51,725	142,700	43,210
Sault Ste Marie	16,375	20,190	2,860
x Toronto	2,383,260	2,213,585	2,021,830
York Township	227,650	389,400	348,500
Welland	6,000	13,190	860
x Windsor	143,120	256,730	164,075
Woodstock	1,104	41,536	4,160
Manitoba	63,065	133,700	48,325
x Brandon	1,825	3,300	3,500
St. Boniface	12,840	26,800	6,875
x Winnipeg	48,400	103,600	37,950
Saskatchewan	22,120	47,610	13,150
x Moose Jaw	4,420	3,770	500
x Regina	9,325	27,435	8,850
x Saskatoon	8,375	16,405	3,800
Alberta	52,440	107,921	27,875
x Calgary	23,775	74,070	6,200
x Edmonton	23,825	28,675	12,160
Lethbridge	4,840	4,791	9,515
Medicine Hat	nil	385	nil
British Columbia	376,485	828,725	696,566
Nanaimo	600	2,500	579
x New Westminster	28,880	24,420	12,150
Point Grey	132,700	230,100	56,300
Prince Rupert	3,290	16,275	100
South Vancouver	42,425	26,550	8,260
x Vancouver	166,395	302,950	584,951
x Victoria	2,195	225,850	34,220
Total 56 cities	6,259,942	9,555,472	6,912,400
Total 35 cities x	5,562,362	8,499,055	6,059,266
Accumulative total for 56 cities twelve months -(1924 not revised)	1924 120,365,956	1923 129,906,946	1922 144,980,388

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY, 1924.

Reports from 60 cities tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the value of the building permits issued in January, 1925, was less by 14.2 p.c. than in December, 1924, but in the more significant comparison with the same month of last year, there was an increase of 23 p.c. The aggregate for January was \$5,433,204, that for the preceding month, \$6,333,619, or \$900,415 more, and for January, 1924, \$4,454,119, or \$979,085 less, than in the month under review.

Some 42 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,900,000 and over 700 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of not quite \$2,500,000. As has been pointed out in previous issues, the construction of several buildings may be authorized by a single permit: the number of buildings to be erected, therefore, is usually greater than the number of permits granted.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Ontario registered declines in the value of the permits issued as compared with the preceding month; the reduction of \$829,047 or 22.4 p.c. in Ontario was the largest. Of the increases recorded elsewhere, that of \$408,329 or 106.6 p.c. in British Columbia was actually the most pronounced, but New Brunswick showed the greatest proportional increase of \$24,800 or 330.6 p.c.

As compared with January, 1924, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba recorded decreases in the value of estimated building. Ontario showed the largest actual reduction, of \$33,691 or 1.2 p.c., while the greatest proportional loss, of \$30,292 or 93.3 p.c., was in Nova Scotia. There were increases in this comparison in Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Quebec and British Columbia, with increases of \$626,840 or 65.9 p.c. and \$421,484 or 113.9 p.c., respectively, registered the most pronounced gains.

The value of the building permits issued during January in Montreal and Toronto was lower than in December, but higher than in January, 1924; the increase in Toronto in the latter comparison was especially noteworthy. In Winnipeg the total exceeded that for the preceding month, but was smaller than in January of last year, while Vancouver registered improvement in both comparisons. Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, Galt, Ottawa, Woodstock, Regina, Calgary, Point Grey, Prince Rupert and Victoria also showed increases over December and January, 1924.

The table on back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during January, 1925, and December and January, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated
by Building Permits

City	January, 1925	December, 1924	January, 1924
P.E.I. Charlottetown		7,400	Nil
Nova Scotia	2,190	9,025	32,482
x Halifax	2,190	7,175	16,332
New Glasgow	Nil	100	50
x Sydney	Nil	1,750	16,100
New Brunswick	32,300	7,500	49,986
Fredericton	24,000	5,000	Nil
x Moncton	2,300	Nil	4,066
x St. John	6,000	2,500	45,900
Quebec	1,577,865	2,092,007	951,045
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	765,235	1,613,187	724,780
x Quebec	22,400	75,495	174,365
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	24,000	3,000	Nil
x Three Rivers	714,025	317,175	51,900
x Westmount	53,325	83,150	Nil
Ontario	2,867,869	3,696,916	2,901,560
Belleville	275	37,000	5,100
x Brantford	11,500	3,015	7,025
Chatham	Nil	30,000	16,200
x Fort William	6,750	50,350	15,700
Galt	5,900	181	75
x Guelph	1,300	3,445	140
x Hamilton	59,600	164,800	105,800
x Kingston	1,325	10,200	545
x Kitchener	33,600	81,220	73,625
x London	45,350	80,345	235,400
Niagara Falls	32,325	32,200	19,425
Oshawa	7,720	28,550	8,250
x Ottawa	256,300	59,650	7,400
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterboro	Nil	15,750	3,625
x Port Arthur	1,365	4,602	853,938
x Stratford	825	5,310	4,645
x St. Catharines	6,375	21,250	65,575
x St. Thomas	3,575	5,000	5,725
Sarnia	9,825	51,725	28,705
Sault Ste. Marie	700	16,375	2,050
x Toronto	1,843,355	2,383,360	795,017
York Township	151,300	227,650	176,100
Welland	150	6,000	1,500
x Windsor	104,400	143,120	91,565
Other Border Cities	273,750	163,314	378,300
Woodstock	2,294	1,104	130
Manitoba	79,860	63,065	105,600
x Brandon	800	1,825	4,350
St. Boniface	60	12,840	300
x Winnipeg	79,000	48,400	100,950
Saskatchewan	22,800	22,120	13,085
x Moose Jaw	400	4,420	200
x Regina	18,350	9,325	11,510
x Saskatoon	4,050	8,375	1,375
Alberta	58,820	52,435	30,365
x Calgary	48,550	23,770	16,000
x Edmonton	9,875	23,825	10,870
Lethbridge	250	4,840	3,355
Medicine Hat	145	Nil	140
British Columbia	721,480	383,151	369,936
Nanaimo	3,600	600	3,900
x New Westminster	12,775	22,820	6,135
Point Grey	332,700	232,700	112,400
Prince Rupert	7,350	3,320	4,600
South Vancouver	32,000	42,425	22,175
x Vancouver	335,610	166,395	196,815
x Victoria	67,245	8,861	23,971
Total 60 Cities	5,453,304	6,335,619	4,454,119
x Total 35 cities	4,546,860	5,464,325	3,671,364

Note: York Township is practically a suburb of Toronto, while the four Border Cities - Ford, Riverside, Sandwich and Walkerville - bear very much the same relation to Windsor.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1925, AND FEBRUARY, 1924

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities increased from \$5,433,204 in January, to \$5,781,642 in February, a gain of \$348,438 or 6.4 p.c. In February, 1924, the building authorized was valued at \$1,027,780; there was, therefore, an increase in the month under review of \$1,755,862 or 43.5 p.c. in this more significant comparison.

Some 47 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had issued nearly 600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$2,800,000, and for approximately 900 other buildings valued at more than \$2,800,000.

As compared with January, 1925, there were increases in the building permits issued in all provinces except Ontario, where there was a decline of \$900,424 or 31.4 p.c. Quebec showed the greatest actual gain of \$733,278, or 46.5 p.c., but the proportional increases in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia were larger.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta registered reductions as compared with February, 1924; Nova Scotia showed the most pronounced loss of \$150,665 or 22.1 p.c. Of the increases recorded elsewhere, that in New Brunswick of \$31,700 or 323.4 p.c., was proportionally the largest, while Quebec reported the greatest actual gain of \$1,575,903 or 214.1 p.c.

The value of the building permits issued during February, 1925, in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver was higher than in the preceding month and also than in February of last year. In Toronto there was a reduction as compared with January, but the value greatly exceeded that registered in February, 1924. The building permits issued in Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, York Township, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, New Westminster, Point Grey and South Vancouver had a higher valuation than in January, 1925, or February, 1924.

The aggregate value of estimated building in 60 cities during the first two months of this year was \$11,214,846, as compared with \$8,431,299 and \$9,813,909 in the same two months of 1924 and 1923, respectively; there was, therefore, an increase of 32.2 p.c. in the former and of 14.3 p.c. in the latter comparison.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during February and January, 1925, and February, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated
by Building Permits.

C i t y	February 1925	January 1925	February 1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	3,000
Nova Scotia	32,860	2,190	183,540
x Halifax	32,560	2,190	183,410
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	300	Nil	135
New Brunswick	35,550	32,300	3,650
Fredericton	4,000	24,000	Nil
x Moncton	26,150	2,300	32,000
x St. John	5,400	6,000	850
Quebec	2,311,863	1,577,885	735,360
x Montreal -x Maisonneuve	1,983,668	765,235	671,365
x Quebec	68,420	22,200	45,215
Shawinigan Falls	18,000	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	20,700	24,000	5,000
x Three Rivers	19,875	714,125	7,765
x Westmount	201,200	52,325	6,000
Ontario	1,967,375	2,867,869	2,104,121
Belleville	7,600	275	Nil
x Brantford	3,340	11,500	1,325
Chatham	1,800	Nil	9,800
x Fort William	11,060	6,750	12,400
Galt	1,300	5,900	Nil
x Guelph	28,550	1,300	7,625
x Hamilton	170,550	59,800	82,850
x Kingston	515	1,325	15,500
x Kitchener	37,860	39,600	13,710
x London	28,525	45,260	61,670
Niagara Falls	30,730	32,325	4,150
Oshawa	8,450	7,720	26,050
x Ottawa	91,017	256,200	93,600
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterboro	5,475	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	3,795	1,325	915
x Stratford	38,840	825	2,730
x St. Catharines	11,200	6,375	11,831
x St. Thomas	330	3,575	1,500
Sarnia	48,310	9,825	21,605
Sault Ste Marie	2,600	700	18,000
x Toronto	1,054,935	1,843,355	787,235
York Township	167,350	151,300	104,100
Welland	2,305	150	9,050
x Windsor	147,025	104,400	408,201
Other Border Cities	59,675	275,750	408,750
Woodstock	3,138	2,294	2,470
Manitoba	154,375	79,860	91,840
x Brandon	5,000	800	Nil
St. Boniface	22,225	60	2,840
x Winnipeg	127,150	79,000	88,800
Saskatchewan	47,080	22,800	36,370
x Moose Jaw	16,350	400	3,335
x Regina	14,050	18,350	13,275
x Saskatoon	16,380	4,050	20,300
Alberta	61,261	58,820	126,630
x Calgary	45,000	48,550	14,800
x Edmonton	11,790	9,275	110,035
Lethbridge	4,471	250	1,570
Medicine Hat	Nil	145	255
British Columbia	1,171,278	791,480	737,044
Nanaimo	4,800	3,800	7,300
x New Westminster	46,675	12,775	45,775
Point Grey	547,700	332,700	267,600
Prince Rupert	19,150	7,350	Nil
South Vancouver	64,690	32,000	48,657
x Vancouver	458,925	335,610	326,740
x Victoria	29,358	67,245	40,422
Total, 60 Cities	5,781,642	5,433,204	4,027,780
Total, 35 Cities x	4,762,748	4,546,660	3,086,153
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 cities - first two months	11,214,846	8,431,899	9,813,909

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR FEBRUARY, 1925, AND MARCH, 1924.

There was a substantial increase in the value of the building permits issued in March as compared with February, but the total was lower than in March of last year. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated reports from 60 cities which issued in March 1925 permits aggregating \$8,457,791, as compared with \$5,781,842 in the preceding month and with \$9,365,070 in March, 1924. The increase in the first comparison was \$2,676,149, or 46.3 p.c., while the decrease in the second comparison was \$907,279, or 9.7 p.c.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$5,200,000 and about 1,300 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$2,900,000.

Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of building authorized as compared with February. The largest actual gain of \$2,325,148 or 118.2 p.c. was in Ontario, but Manitoba showed the greatest proportional advance of \$573,305 or 371.4 p.c. Of the reductions in the other provinces, those of \$774,443 or 33.5 p.c. in Quebec and of \$28,005 or 78.7 p.c. in New Brunswick were most pronounced.

As compared with March, 1924, all provinces except Manitoba recorded declines in the permits issued; in that province there was an increase of \$483,531 or 313.2 p.c. Quebec showed the largest actual loss in this comparison of \$927,494 or 37.6 p.c., while New Brunswick registered the greatest proportional decrease of \$23,655 or 75.8 p.c.

In Montreal, the value of the building authorized was lower than in either February, 1925, or March, 1924; Toronto and Vancouver showed increases in the first and declines in the second comparison, while in Winnipeg there were gains in both comparisons. Sydney, Three Rivers, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York Township, Windsor, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Victoria issued permits at a higher valuation than in the preceding month and also than in the corresponding month of last year.

Accumulative Record for First Quarter of 1925.

The value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first quarter of 1925 was higher by 10.2 p.c. and 1.2 p.c. than in the first three months of 1924 and 1923, respectively. It was also 5.5 p.c. greater than in the first quarter of 1922, 46.5 p.c. higher than in 1921 and 4.3 p.c. above the 1920 total. The aggregate for this year is \$19,672,637, for 1924, \$17,846,969, for 1923, \$19,441,159, for 1922, \$18,643,948, for 1921, \$13,426,237 and for 1920, \$18,866,351. The weighted index number of wholesale prices compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics averaged 153.8 during the first quarter of 1925, as compared with 167.3 in the same three months of 1924, 164.9 in 1923, 161.1 in 1922, 207.8 in 1921 and 208.1 in 1920.

The table on page 2 shows the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during March and February, 1925, and March 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated by Building Permits

C I T Y	March 1925	February 1925	March 1924
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	32,720	32,860	33,205
x Halifax	25,945	32,560	26,605
New Glasgow	1,700	Nil	2,110
x Sydney	5,075	300	4,490
New Brunswick	7,545	35,550	31,200
Fredericton	Nil	4,000	Nil
x Moncton	3,045	26,150	6,300
x St. John	4,500	5,400	24,900
Quebec	1,537,420	2,311,863	2,464,914
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,331,360	1,983,668	2,164,585
x Quebec	55,385	68,420	217,995
Shawinigan Falls	16,200	18,000	3,784
x Sherbrooke	15,800	20,700	6,500
x Three Rivers	70,525	19,875	21,525
x Westmount	48,150	201,200	50,525
Ontario	4,292,523	1,967,375	4,362,110
Belleville	11,460	7,600	3,500
x Brantford	14,790	3,340	9,395
Chatham	11,000	1,800	15,100
x Fort William	51,840	11,060	43,200
Galt	9,081	1,300	13,660
x Guelph	35,000	28,550	48,430
x Hamilton	307,200	170,550	254,500
x Kingston	20,276	515	49,537
x Kitchener	139,953	37,860	81,000
x London	134,920	28,525	104,160
Niagara Falls	57,525	30,730	41,921
Oshawa	66,250	8,450	94,850
x Ottawa	141,730	91,017	139,335
Owen Sound	14,500	Nil	8,000
x Peterboro	15,567	5,475	7,850
x Port Arthur	7,275	3,795	30,241
x Stratford	62,180	38,840	34,923
x St. Catharines	35,455	11,200	40,370
x St. Thomas	229,740	830	863
Sarnia	88,736	48,310	54,263
Sault Ste Marie	15,406	2,600	17,490
x Toronto	1,865,651	1,054,935	2,386,230
York Township	370,100	167,353	326,750
Welland	3,790	2,905	18,125
x Windsor	322,780	147,025	215,745
Other Border Cities	275,670	59,675	285,050
Woodstock	4,648	3,138	37,623
Manitoba	727,680	154,375	244,149
x Brandon	200	5,000	1,250
St. Boniface	511,780	22,225	73,147
x Winnipeg	215,700	127,150	169,750
Saskatchewan	42,720	47,080	78,966
x Moose Jaw	14,510	16,650	10,460
x Regina	23,775	14,050	50,550
x Saskatoon	4,435	16,380	17,956
Alberta	172,045	61,261	229,957
x Calgary	94,800	45,000	113,800
x Edmonton	47,540	11,790	33,175
Lethbridge	29,645	4,471	21,630
Medicine Hat	60	Nil	61,352
British Columbia	1,645,138	1,171,278	1,920,569
Nanaimo	14,415	4,800	5,125
x New Westminster	22,200	46,675	21,505
Point Grey	561,600	547,700	375,001
Prince Rupert	11,600	19,150	33,450
South Vancouver	92,025	64,690	63,675
x Vancouver	673,215	458,925	1,373,141
x Victoria	70,083	29,338	48,662
Total, 60 Cities	8,457,791	5,781,642	9,365,070
Total, 35 Cities	6,290,600	4,762,748	7,809,465
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - first three months	19,672,637	17,846,969	19,441,150

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR APRIL, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR MARCH, 1925, AND APRIL, 1924.

According to returns from 60 cities, the value of the building permits issued in April showed the substantial increase of 77.9 p.c. over March, 1925. There was also a gain of 12.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with April, 1924. The total for the month under review was \$15,042,519; for March, 1925, it was \$8,457,791 and for April of last year, \$13,422,456.

Returns in some detail were furnished by 51 cities, showing that they issued during April some 2,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$5,000,000, and more than 3,500 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$5,000,000. In addition, authority was granted for the construction of a grain elevator valued at some \$600,000 at Halifax, and a new paper mill estimated to cost over \$500,000 at Three Rivers, as well as for some smaller engineering works at Kitchener and Port Arthur.

All provinces recorded increases in the value of building permits issued as compared with March. The largest actual gains of \$2,245,503 and \$1,940,961 were in Ontario and Quebec, but New Brunswick and Nova Scotia showed the greatest proportional increases.

As compared with April, 1924, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported percentage declines of 29.0, 15.6, 2.4 and 3.5, respectively, while elsewhere improvement was indicated. British Columbia registered the most pronounced actual gain of \$756,062, or 72.3 p.c., but the percentage increases in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were larger.

Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the building authorized as compared with March, 1925, but the value was slightly lower than in April, 1924. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were gains in both comparisons. The permits issued in Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sault Ste Marie, Windsor, Ford, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, New Westminster, Point Grey, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver exceeded the value for both March, 1925, and April, 1924.

Accumulative Record for First Four Months

The 60 cities making returns authorized building to the value of \$34,715,156 during the first four months of 1925; this was 11.0 p.c. higher than the total of \$31,269,425 for the same months of last year, but it was 10.8 p.c. below the 1923 aggregate of \$38,335,035. As compared with totals of \$34,450,071 for 1922, \$26,886,566 for 1921 and \$34,498,201 for 1920, the increase during January-April, 1925, was 0.8 p.c., 29.1 p.c., and 0.6 p.c., respectively. The weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics averaged 154.0 during the first four months of 1925, as compared with 166.5 in the same period of 1924, 165.3 in 1923, 160.7 in 1922, 204.6 in 1921 and 213.4 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during April and March, 1925, and April, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

C i t y	April 1925	March 1925	April 1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	\$ 6,000	nil	7,500
Nova Scotia	643,646	32,720	81,525
x Halifax	639,255	25,945	51,660
New Glasgow	645	1,700	2,110
x Sydney	3,746	5,075	27,755
New Brunswick	437,885	7,545	42,828
Fredericton	16,500	nil	12,300
x Moncton	10,855	3,045	6,528
x St. John	410,530	4,500	24,000
Quebec	3,478,381	1,537,420	4,027,193
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,343,820	1,331,360	2,690,615
x Quebec	245,836	55,385	500,922
Shawinigan Falls	28,700	16,200	17,528
x Sherbrooke	58,100	15,800	317,978
x Three Rivers	597,225	70,525	23,175
x Westmount	204,700	48,150	476,975
Ontario	7,138,026	4,292,523	7,314,238
Belleville	37,600	11,460	45,250
x Brantford	15,072	14,790	25,235
Chatham	7,985	11,000	19,850
x Fort William	265,720	31,840	112,920
Galt	28,160	9,081	18,050
x Guelph	56,582	35,000	49,290
x Hamilton	307,800	307,200	840,150
x Kingston	133,954	20,276	593,249
x Kitchener	299,058	139,953	141,031
x London	305,700	134,920	295,015
Niagara Falls	94,105	57,525	80,065
Oshawa	82,790	66,250	152,195
x Ottawa	738,122	141,730	247,335
Owen Sound	50,550	14,500	42,000
x Peterboro	55,734	15,567	60,007
x Port Arthur	46,055	7,275	25,680
x Stratford	77,560	62,180	148,434
x St. Catharines	119,452	35,455	82,483
x St. Thomas	14,711	229,740	70,550
Sarnia	73,749	88,736	103,315
Sault Ste. Marie	54,649	15,406	31,390
x Toronto	2,363,910	1,865,651	2,463,275
York Township	698,350	370,100	708,550
Welland	11,070	3,790	13,630
x Windsor	793,050	322,780	557,345
Ford	133,980	52,720	94,890
Riverside	13,500	18,000	29,000
Sandwich	94,100	115,950	102,605
Walkerville	117,000	89,000	107,000
Woodstock	14,318	4,648	54,449
Manitoba	833,050	727,680	340,277
x Brandon	26,150	200	1,062
St. Boniface	34,500	511,780	21,315
x Winnipeg	772,400	215,700	317,900
Saskatchewan	316,710	42,720	335,220
x Moose Jaw	11,025	14,510	168,900
x Regina	200,915	23,775	77,900
x Saskatoon	104,770	4,435	88,420
Alberta	393,948	172,045	234,864
x Calgary	122,850	94,800	85,370
x Edmonton	240,310	47,540	117,315
Lethbridge	25,448	29,645	25,179
Medicine Hat	5,340	60	7,000
British Columbia	1,794,873	1,645,138	1,038,811
Nanaimo	5,065	14,415	3,850
x New Westminster	45,025	22,200	43,380
Point Gray	608,200	561,600	429,600
Prince Rupert	26,800	11,600	18,800
South Vancouver	125,575	92,025	105,820
x Vancouver	958,307	873,215	400,175
x Victoria	25,301	70,083	37,186
Total - 60 Cities	15,042,519	8,457,791	13,422,456
Total - 35 Cities x	12,647,240	6,290,600	11,169,215
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - first four months	34,715,156	31,269,425	38,935,085

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR MAY, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR APRIL, 1925, AND MAY, 1924.

There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May as compared with April, 1925, and the total was also higher than in the same month of last year, which is the more significant comparison. The building authorized was valued at \$15,296,080 during the month under review; this was \$253,561 or 1.7 p.c. higher than the April, 1925, aggregate of \$15,042,519, and \$674,980 or 4.6 p.c. above the total for May, 1924, of \$14,621,100.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they issued nearly 1,700 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$7,000,000 and about 3,200 permits for other buildings at a proposed cost of more than \$6,600,000.

Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with April, 1925. The gain of \$334,637, or 105.7 p.c., in Saskatchewan and of \$1,107,709, or 15.5 p.c., in Ontario were most pronounced. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$550,209, or 85.5 p.c., in Nova Scotia and of \$394,720 or 90.1 p.c. in New Brunswick were largest.

As compared with May, 1924, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia recorded improvement. The greatest increase of \$2,363,240, or 40.2 p.c. was in Ontario, although Nova Scotia showed the greatest proportional gain of \$30,160, or 47.7 p.c. In the other provinces there were reductions, of which Alberta reported the most marked. In that province, there was a loss of \$1,175,725, or 71.1 p.c. during the month under review; the total for May, 1924, was exceptionally high, owing to a permit having been issued for the construction of a Dominion government grain elevator at Edmonton.

In Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in the value of the building authorized as compared with April, 1925, and May, 1924; Toronto showed improvement in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year. New Glasgow, Fredericton, Shawinigan Falls, Chatham, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Welland, Ford, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Regina, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver registered larger aggregates of permits issued than in either April, 1925, or May, 1924.

Accumulative Record for First Five Months, 1920-25.

The value of the building permits issued in the first five months of this year was \$50,011,236, as compared with \$45,890,525 in the same period of 1924, \$57,852,503 in 1923, \$53,918,812 in 1922, \$41,320,556 in 1921 and \$47,574,581 in 1920. There was, therefore, an increase of 9.0 p.c. as compared with 1924, a decrease of 13.6 p.c. as compared with 1923 and of 7.2 p.c. as compared with 1922, and increases of 21.0 p.c. and 5.1 p.c. as compared with 1921 and 1920, respectively. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.1 during the first five months of this year, as compared with 166.0, 165.7, 166.1, 200.8 and 215.9 in 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and 1920, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May and April, 1925, and May, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated by Building Permits.

C I T Y	May 1925	April 1925	May 1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	5,000	6,000	1,200
Nova Scotia	93,437	643,646	63,277
x Halifax	79,412	639,255	38,460
New Glasgow	11,750	645	3,955
x Sydney	2,275	3,746	20,062
New Brunswick	43,165	437,885	69,465
Fredericton	29,200	16,500	7,600
x Moncton	8,465	10,855	36,865
x St. John	5,500	410,530	25,000
Quebec	3,214,110	3,478,381	3,881,080
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,140,920	2,343,820	2,800,810
x Quebec	569,905	245,836	661,780
Shawinigan Falls	77,100	28,700	64,015
x Sherbrooke	35,160	58,100	54,000
x Three Rivers	281,650	597,225	66,700
x Westmount	109,375	204,700	233,775
Ontario	8,245,735	7,138,026	5,882,495
Bellefleur	22,475	37,600	1,000
x Brantford	8,590	15,072	22,561
Chatham	67,200	7,985	14,520
x Fort William	65,925	265,720	163,300
Galt	18,143	28,160	11,002
x Guelph	45,220	56,582	82,881
x Hamilton	310,300	307,800	361,400
x Kingston	27,092	133,954	30,465
x Kitchener	166,588	299,058	170,545
x London	224,080	305,700	271,700
Niagara Falls	172,240	94,105	113,425
Oshawa	76,590	82,790	100,965
x Ottawa	1,875,385	738,122	373,785
Owen Sound	426,425	50,550	20,075
x Peterboro	25,210	55,734	30,015
x Port Arthur	179,785	46,055	179,557
x Stratford	54,278	77,560	154,654
x St. Catharines	52,590	119,452	43,480
x St. Thomas	25,020	14,711	9,433
Sarnia	116,390	73,749	70,450
Sault Ste Marie	41,715	54,649	50,904
x Toronto	2,823,972	2,363,910	2,169,997
York Township	446,950	698,350	411,000
Welland	18,720	11,070	17,190
x Windsor	441,650	793,050	606,190
Ford	149,208	133,980	97,553
Riverside	121,500	13,500	121,750
Sandwich	111,130	94,100	100,850
Walkerville	116,000	117,000	65,000
Woodstock	14,564	14,318	16,848
Manitoba	727,420	833,050	718,325
x Brandon	18,500	26,150	11,332
St. Boniface	46,980	34,500	38,493
x Winnipeg	661,940	772,400	668,500
Saskatchewan	651,347	316,710	925,117
x Moose Jaw	12,680	11,025	143,521
x Regina	219,890	200,915	212,960
x Saskatoon	418,777	104,770	568,636
Alberta	466,295	393,948	1,642,020
x Calgary	181,850	122,850	184,370
x Edmonton	270,575	240,310	1,414,100
Lethbridge	13,560	25,448	31,545
Medicine Hat	310	5,340	12,005
British Columbia	1,849,571	1,794,873	1,438,121
Nanaimo	8,300	5,065	12,120
x New Westminster	33,645	45,025	43,645
Point Grey	551,100	608,800	498,000
Prince Rupert	264,864	26,800	27,635
South Vancouver	163,790	125,575	66,610
x Vancouver	795,980	958,307	640,076
x Victoria	31,892	25,301	150,035
Total - 60 Cities	15,296,080	15,042,519	14,621,100
xTotal - 35 Cities	12,204,876	12,647,240	12,645,390
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - First five months	50,011,236	45,890,525	57,852,503

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Building Permits Report for June, 1925, with Comparative
Statements for May, 1925 and June, 1924, and Cumulative
Report for First Half-Year.

The value of the building permits issued in 60 cities in June was 4.2 p.c. lower than in the preceding month, in accordance with the trend usually indicated at this time of year. In the more significant comparison with the same month of last year, however, there was a gain of 4.9 p.c. The aggregate for June, 1925, was \$14,651,613, for May, 1925, \$15,296,080 and for June, 1924, \$13,961,006.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, which issued over 1,550 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,800,000 and nearly 2,900 permits for other buildings valued at about \$7,500,000.

In New Brunswick, Quebec, and British Columbia, the value of the permits issued in June was higher than in May. The gains of \$1,332,718 or 41.7 p.c. in Quebec, and of \$132,105 or 322.3 p.c. in New Brunswick, were most pronounced. Of the declines in the other provinces, that of \$1,942,739 or 23.6 p.c. in Ontario was actually the largest, but Saskatchewan registered the greatest proportional reduction, of \$255,249 or 39.2 p.c.

As compared with June, 1924, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia recorded higher aggregates of building authorized. British Columbia reported an increase of \$309,896 or 16.4 p.c., but this was exceeded by the proportional gain of \$75,310, or 70.4 p.c., in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia showed the heaviest decrease of \$162,615 or 77.5 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver issued permits at a higher valuation than in either May, 1925, or June, 1924, while in Winnipeg the total exceeded that for the same month of last year, but was lower than in the preceding month. St. John, Westmount, Belleville, Suelph, Hamilton, London, York Township, Welland, Ford, Riverside, and Moose Jaw registered improvement in both comparisons.

Table I gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May and June, 1925, and June, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1920-1925.

Table II is a record by provinces of the building permits issued in 60 cities during the first six months of each year since 1920; it also shows the totals for the years 1920-1924, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to these totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials.

The 1925 aggregate of \$64,662,849 was 8.0 p.c. higher than in the corresponding six months of 1924, 11.2 p.c. and 9.1 p.c. lower than in 1923 and 1922, respectively, and 16.6 p.c. and 4.9 p.c. higher than in 1921 and 1920, respectively. Building costs were distinctly lower in 1925 than in any other of the years under consideration.

An analysis of the returns by provinces shows that the 30 cities reporting in Ontario issued 47.6 p.c. of the total value for the six months; this is the same proportion as in the first half of 1924, when the building authorized was lower by \$2,387,109 or 8.4 p.c. In Quebec, the total of \$16,673,437 was 0.9 p.c. greater than last year. This province reported 25.8 p.c. of the six months' aggregate, while in 1924 the proportion was 27.6 p.c. British Columbia registered an increase of \$2,057,695, or 27.8 p.c., over the preceding year. The total for that province was 14.6 p.c. of the aggregate for the 60 cities; in 1924 it formed only 12.3 p.c. of the figure for the half year. The largest proportional increases as compared with last year were those of 142.8 p.c. and 41.1 p.c. in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded losses, that of \$1,013,647 or 40.2 p.c. in the last named being most pronounced. This is largely due to the fact that the figures for May, 1924, included a permit for the construction of a Dominion Government grain elevator at Edmonton.

The permits issued in the four leading cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - were valued at \$31,790,174; this was 12.9 p.c. more than the 1924 half-yearly total of \$28,162,979. In the present year, these cities recorded 49.2 p.c. of the six months' aggregate for the 60 cities, while the proportion last year was 47.1 p.c.

Toronto reported the largest aggregate of \$12,998,633, which was \$1,991,030, or 18.1 p.c. more than last year. In Montreal, where the permits issued were valued at \$11,481,558, there was a slight gain of 2.1 p.c., as compared with the first half of 1924. The Winnipeg total of \$2,410,440, and that of \$4,899,543 in Vancouver were respectively 36.4 p.c. and 18.4 p.c., higher than in the preceding year.

Table III contains the six-months' aggregates for these cities, together with the yearly totals and the proportion of the permits issued in these four cities to the aggregates for the 60 cities, as well as the percentage that their half-yearly totals are of their yearly totals.

Table I - Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

	June 1925	May 1925	June 1924
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	-	5,000	nil
Nova Scotia	47,105	93,437	209,720
x Halifax	46,200	79,412	193,335
New Glasgow	60	11,750	5,100
x Sydney	845	2,275	11,225
New Brunswick	182,270	43,165	106,960
Fredericton	#	29,200	2,950
x Moncton	8,270	8,465	2,510
x St. John	174,000	5,500	101,500
Quebec	4,553,828	3,214,110	4,463,109
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,916,555	2,140,920	2,195,340
x Quebec	382,661	569,905	1,601,118
Shawinigan Falls	20,900	77,100	3,185
x Sherbrooke	31,500	35,160	40,400
x Three Rivers	57,100	281,650	304,325
x Westmount	1,145,112	109,375	318,741
Ontario	6,302,996	8,245,735	5,862,831
Belleville	29,910	22,475	8,950
x Brantford	24,097	8,590	66,177
Chatham	3,575	67,200	50,200
x Fort William	81,170	65,925	102,850
Galt	27,415	18,143	29,925
x Guelph	87,611	45,220	34,735
x Hamilton	361,000	310,300	210,925
x Kingston	12,277	27,092	50,037
x Kitchener	176,830	166,588	242,357
x London	228,085	224,880	186,855
Niagara Falls	124,765	172,240	49,385
Oshawa	47,600	76,590	40,750
x Ottawa	397,550	1,875,385	377,250
Owen Sound	15,375	426,425	31,400
x Peterboro	35,630	25,210	74,798
x Port Arthur	35,766	179,785	17,966
x Stratford	29,107	54,278	46,870
x St. Catharines	108,187	52,590	199,745
x St. Thomas	11,705	25,020	17,015
Sarnia	51,308	116,390	157,750
Sault Ste. Marie	18,700	41,715	76,073
x Toronto	3,046,810	2,823,972	2,405,735
York Township	465,650	446,950	409,700
Welland	21,855	18,720	12,275
x Windsor	395,676	441,650	534,717
Ford	157,350	149,208	97,650
Riverside	127,200	121,500	64,100
Sandwich	117,600	111,130	166,759
Walkerville	57,000	116,000	62,000
Woodstock	6,142	14,564	35,822
Manitoba	612,635	727,420	701,405
x Brandon	5,500	18,500	171,650
St. Boniface	52,885	46,980	105,655
x Winnipeg	554,250	661,940	424,100
Saskatchewan	396,098	651,347	474,076
x Moose Jaw	125,280	12,680	52,558
x Regina	185,243	219,890	205,710
x Saskatoon	85,575	418,777	215,808
Alberta	356,185	466,295	258,305
x Calgary	151,200	181,850	90,890
x Edmonton	183,540	270,575	113,425
Lethbridge	21,285	13,560	39,140
Medicine Hat	160	310	14,850
British Columbia	2,200,496	1,849,571	1,890,600
Nanaimo	5,700	8,300	9,500
x New Westminster	79,435	33,645	21,380
Point Grey	503,600	551,100	423,000
Prince Rupert	31,600	264,864	20,175
South Vancouver	78,275	163,790	61,200
x Vancouver	1,477,506	795,980	1,200,310
x Victoria	24,380	31,892	155,035
Total - 60 Cities	14,651,613	15,296,080	13,967,036
" 35 " x	12,665,703	12,204,876	11,983,512
Cumulative total For	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities- First Six Months	64,662,849	59,857,531	72,831,620

Figures not available.

Province	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Pr. Edward Isd. (1 city)	11,000	16,700	27,500	49,500	127,200	34,500
Nova Scotia (3 cities)	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457	2,338,612
New Brunswick (3 cities)	736,715	304,289	446,666	1,107,458	534,855	1,123,270
Quebec (6 cities)	16,373,487	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750	13,313,880
Ontario (30 cities)	30,814,324	28,427,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123	29,355,724
Manitoba (3 cities)	3,135,020	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,439,403	3,696,283	5,740,273
Saskatchewan (3 cities)	1,476,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,437,585	1,874,257	2,219,660
Alberta (4 cities)	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465	3,791,546
British Columbia (7 cities)	9,452,836	7,395,141	4,583,394	5,283,486	5,080,680	3,731,704
Canada (6 mos.)	64,662,849	59,857,531	72,831,620	71,115,954	55,451,070	61,653,569
" (12 mos.)		123,731,196	133,201,347	147,962,173	116,361,720	116,779,628
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year		48.4 p.c.	54.7 p.c.	48.1 p.c.	47.7 p.c.	52.8 p.c.
1/Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, six months	154.1	165.2	166.1	161.1	197.1	215.5
2/Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)	-	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5	180.9

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Average, 1913 = 100.

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average, 1913 = 100.

Table III - Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1920-1925.

City	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Montreal	\$11,481,558	\$11,248,115	\$15,469,327	\$9,142,774	\$7,330,178	\$8,263,498
Toronto	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813	12,922,551
Winnipeg	2,410,440	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050	5,435,450
Vancouver	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,332	1,485,068
Total - six months	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423	28,106,567
Total - twelve months	-	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051	51,744,488
Proportion of permits issued in first six months to total for year	-	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.	54.3 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued in four cities in 6 months to 6 months' total for 60 cities	49.2 p.c.	47.1 p.c.	51.9 p.c.	46.5 p.c.	42.9 p.c.	45.6 p.c.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR JULY, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1925, AND JULY, 1924.

There was a further decrease in the value of the building authorized in 60 cities in July, when the building permits issued aggregated \$12,837,551, as compared with \$14,851,813 in June, a decline of 13.7 p.c. The experience of the last 16 years shows, however, that a reduction is usually indicated in July as compared with June. In the more significant comparison with July of last year, there was an increase of \$1,111,235, or 9.6 p.c.; the total for that month was \$11,526,316.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,500 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$5,500,000 and nearly 2,700 permits for other buildings at a proposed cost of approximately \$1,000,000.

The only province to show an increase over June, 1925, was Quebec; the aggregate there was higher by \$313,605, or 6.9 p.c. than in the preceding month. British Columbia recorded the greatest actual reduction of \$979,936 or 44.5 p.c., while the largest proportional loss of \$152,695, or 85.8 p.c. was in New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia registered higher totals of building authorized than in July, 1924. The largest gain, of \$1,234,065, or 33.6 p.c., was in Quebec. New Brunswick showed the most pronounced decrease of \$770,006 or 96.3 p.c.

Montreal issued permits at a higher valuation than in either June, 1925, or July, 1924, while in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there were declines in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and South Vancouver showed improvement over the preceding month and also in comparison with the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1925

The building permits issued in 60 cities from January to July of this year authorized building of an estimated value of \$77,300,400, as compared with \$71,585,847 in 1924, \$85,882,727 in 1923, \$86,840,512 in 1922, \$66,894,841 in 1921 and \$75,373,684 in 1920. The increase over 1924 was 8.3 p.c., over 1923, 16.4 p.c. and over 1920, 2.6 p.c., while there were declines of 10 and 11 p.c. as compared with 1923 and 1922, respectively, when, however, building costs were higher. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.1 during the first seven months of 1925, as compared with 163.8 in 1924, 166.7 in 1923, 161.5 in 1922, 194.5 in 1921 and 215.3 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of building permits issued in 60 cities during June and July, 1925, and July, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus 'x'.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1925 and AUGUST, 1924.

The value of the building permits authorized in 60 cities during August stood at \$9,253,752, as compared with \$12,641,551 in July, 1925, and \$9,265,945 in August, 1924. There was, therefore, a seasonal decline of 26.8 p.c. in comparison with the preceding month, but of only one-tenth of one per cent in the more significant comparison with the same month of last year.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000 and about 2,500 permits for other building at a proposed cost of over \$3,900,000.

All provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued as compared with July, 1925. There were gains of 113.2 p.c. and 36.8 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Of the losses in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,492,493 or 51.2 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with August, 1924, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the permits issued, that of 37.2 p.c. in Ontario being largest. Quebec recorded the greatest decrease of \$1,544,768 or 39.4 p.c.

The value of the building permits issued in Vancouver was higher than in either July, 1925, or August, 1924; in Toronto and Winnipeg there were losses in the first and increases in the second comparison, while Montreal showed declines in both comparisons. Halifax, Westmount, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Windsor, Riverside, Colkerville, Woodstock, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, South Vancouver and Victoria registered increases both as compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1925.

The value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first eight months of this year was \$86,563,152 as compared with \$80,649,792 in 1924, \$97,269,465 in 1923, \$104,987,692 in 1922, \$77,293,840 in 1921 and \$86,145,140 in 1920. There were, therefore, increases of 7.3 p.c., 12.0 p.c. and 0.5 p.c. in 1925 as compared with 1924, 1921, and 1920, but the total was 11.0 p.c. and 17.5 p.c. lower than in 1923 and 1922, respectively. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.0 during the first eight months of 1925, compared with 162.6 in 1924, 166.8 in 1923, 161.8 in 1922, 192.1 in 1921 and 214.6 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of building permits issued in 60 cities during July and August, 1925, and August, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	Aug. 1925	July, 1925	Aug. 1924
Prince Ed. Island-Charlottetown	\$ 2,800	\$ 4,000	nil
Nova Scotia	86,822	40,720	87,675
x Halifax	77,847	36,220	77,420
New Glasgow	300	625	805
x Sydney	8,675	3,875	9,450
New Brunswick	15,990	29,575	113,164
Fredericton		3,600	17,675
x Moncton	15,990	16,975	5,530
x St. John	nil	9,000	89,959
Quebec	2,374,940	4,867,433	3,919,708
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,681,085	3,098,009	3,219,825
x Quebec	241,980	1,000,149	373,558
Shawinigan Falls	13,900	10,975	68,625
x Sherbrooke	93,100	500,000	11,000
x Three Rivers	14,375	21,400	10,450
x Westmount	330,500	236,900	236,250
Ontario	4,677,765	5,510,441	3,408,834
Belleville	5,750	17,130	50,700
x Brantford	26,980	18,678	12,072
Chatham	13,200	10,215	110,325
x Fort William	42,925	57,140	71,175
Galt	2,695	7,490	5,744
x Guelph	38,985	30,200	30,577
x Hamilton	258,450	229,700	254,050
x Kingston	51,774	27,630	34,363
x Kitchener	86,186	162,408	45,281
x London	293,100	308,155	207,515
Niagara Falls	184,375	101,350	20,895
Oshawa	118,885	45,945	37,155
x Ottawa	221,845	418,220	106,030
Owen Sound	5,000	14,660	6,200
x Peterboro	23,825	36,751	33,805
x Port Arthur	24,352	30,215	20,125
x Stratford	36,226	37,080	45,427
x St. Catharines	46,485	112,500	65,997
x St. Thomas	15,145	15,085	10,380
Sarnia	76,110	20,865	63,940
Sault Ste. Marie	38,370	27,105	69,835
x Toronto	1,936,325	2,681,772	1,098,130
York Township	316,700	388,600	310,500
Welland	6,825	14,180	44,640
x Windsor	454,695	396,600	375,385
Ford	114,925	73,280	143,260
Riverside	54,600	37,200	42,000
Sandwich	61,550	98,135	48,285
Walkerville	104,000	85,000	40,000
Woodstock	12,482	7,132	4,643
Manitoba	438,030	515,112	391,850
x Brandon	9,510	6,936	6,500
St. Boniface	47,920	62,176	31,300
x Winnipeg	380,600	446,000	354,010
Saskatchewan	232,295	169,800	306,376
x Moose Jaw	35,260	11,030	6,930
x Regina	94,200	84,200	114,310
x Saskatoon	102,835	74,570	185,136
Alberta	263,810	283,910	197,677
x Calgary	73,325	114,825	86,690
x Edmonton	182,445	138,025	96,290
Lethbridge	8,030	22,880	13,997
Medicine Hat	10	8,180	700
British Columbia	1,166,300	1,220,560	840,661
Nanaimo	22,075	140,950	15,860
x New Westminster	102,820	111,860	29,192
Point Grey	341,900	362,400	470,400
Prince Rupert	16,750	37,325	13,875
South Vancouver	108,000	78,695	47,002
x Vancouver	529,715	470,480	231,745
x Victoria	41,000	18,850	32,587
Total 60 Cities	9,218,752	12,641,551	9,265,941
xTotal 35 "	7,577,600	10,961,438	7,587,584
Cumulative total for	1925	1924	1925
60 Cities - First eight months	85,563,152	80,649,792	97,269,465

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR AUGUST, 1925, AND SEPTEMBER, 1924.

The building authorized by 60 cities during September was valued at \$9,927,968; this was an increase of 7.2 p.c. as compared with the August aggregate of \$9,258,752, but a decline of 33.3 p.c. as compared with the total of \$14,883,523 for September of last year. The value of the permits issued by the 60 cities during September, 1924, however, was higher than in the same month of any year since 1920, while for the 35 cities for which these statistics were originally compiled, it was the highest since 1913. It was also the largest aggregate registered in any one month of 1924, but it has twice been exceeded this year, the 1925 April and May totals for the 60 cities each being over \$15,000,000.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted permits for the erection of approximately 1,400 dwellings estimated to cost over \$5,800,000, and of more than 2,700 other buildings valued at nearly \$3,600,000. In August, permits were granted for over 1,100 residences at a proposed cost of approximately \$4,300,000 and about 2,500 other buildings valued at more than \$3,900,000.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued in September, 1925, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The gain in New Brunswick was proportionally highest, but was exceeded by the absolute increase of \$442,589 or 18.6 p.c. in Quebec. In Nova Scotia and Ontario there were declines of 61.3 p.c. and 7.9 p.c., respectively.

As compared with September, 1924, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases in the value of proposed building. Manitoba recorded the greatest actual gain of \$240,259, or 78.2 p.c., while Alberta registered the largest proportional increase of \$207,040, or 113.0 p.c. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$4,496,439, or 61.5 p.c., in Quebec was most pronounced.

Montreal and Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with August, 1925, but reductions in comparison with September, 1924. In Toronto, the total was lower than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year, while Winnipeg reported advances in both comparisons. New Glasgow, Moncton, St. John, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Bellefleur, Kingston, Kitchener, Port Arthur, Ford, Riverside, St. Boniface, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Point Grey, Prince Rupert, South Vancouver and Victoria also issued permits at a higher valuation than in either August, 1925, or September, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1925.

The aggregate value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during the first nine months of this year was \$96,491,160, as compared with \$95,533,115 in 1924, \$108,066,938 in 1923, \$116,567,251 in 1922, \$83,172,673 in 1921 and \$95,062,951 in 1920. There were, therefore, increases of 1.0 p.c., 9.4 p.c. and 6.6 p.c. as compared with 1924, 1921 and 1920, respectively, but the total was lower by 10.7 p.c. and 17.2 p.c. than in 1923 and 1922, respectively. The Bureau's limited index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.0, as compared with 161.5, 166.8, 161.9, 189.3 and 215.1 for the same nine months of 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and 1920, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during August and September, 1925, and September, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated By Building Permits

C i t i e s	Sept. 1925	Aug. 1925.	Sept. 1924
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Ed. Island - Charlottetown	-	2,800	7,800
Nova Scotia	33,638	86,822	78,982
x Halifax	30,170	77,847	71,972
New Glasgow	1,040	300	775
x Sydney	2,428	8,675	6,235
New Brunswick	127,805	15,990	69,130
Fredericton	8,300	-	49,800
x Moncton	104,005	15,990	6,530
x St. John	15,500	-	12,800
Quebec	2,817,529	2,374,940	7,313,968
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	2,106,910	1,681,085	3,727,714
x Quebec	328,994	241,980	3,198,264
Shawinigan Falls	18,300	13,900	30,475
x Sherbrooke	102,600	93,100	12,500
x Three Rivers	113,725	14,375	19,950
x Westmount	147,000	330,500	325,065
Ontario	4,307,016	4,677,765	5,376,979
Belleville	16,700	5,750	12,100
x Brantford	8,362	26,980	14,505
Chatham	26,505	13,200	27,725
x Fort William	41,820	43,925	64,850
Galt	2,940	2,695	6,770
x Guelph	44,698	38,985	46,985
x Hamilton	191,900	258,450	318,700
x Kingston	53,171	51,774	26,750
x Kitchener	104,654	86,186	68,785
x London	152,635	293,100	115,695
Niagara Falls	66,995	184,375	163,950
Oshawa	64,700	118,885	163,245
x Ottawa	309,075	221,845	436,985
Owen Sound	3,400	5,000	15,050
x Peterboro	24,760	23,825	51,755
x Port Arthur	56,370	24,352	16,191
x Stratford	18,670	36,226	51,720
Sarnia	14,025	15,145	54,310
Sault Ste. Marie	57,100	76,110	9,860
x Toronto	17,415	38,370	65,010
York Township	1,856,635	1,936,325	21,035
Welland	285,000	316,700	2,640,120
x Windsor	11,335	6,825	277,350
Ford	386,297	454,695	14,790
Riverside	175,600	114,925	390,420
Sandwich	121,700	54,600	54,495
Walkerville	95,700	65,550	20,700
Woodstock	57,000	104,000	115,975
Manitoba	6,879	12,482	101,000
x Brandon	547,490	438,030	10,153
St. Boniface	60	9,510	307,231
x Winnipeg	56,730	47,920	20,204
Saskatchewan	490,700	380,600	24,927
x Moose Jaw	234,690	232,295	262,100
x Regina	7,025	35,260	244,570
x Saskatoon	144,895	94,200	19,955
Alberta	82,770	102,835	88,395
x Calgary	390,260	263,810	136,220
x Edmonton	118,295	73,325	183,220
Lethbridge	247,510	182,445	104,225
Medicine Hat	24,405	8,030	74,425
British Columbia	50	10	4,275
Nanaimo	1,469,540	1,166,300	295
x New Westminster	800	22,075	295
Point Grey	33,265	102,820	1,301,443
Prince Rupert	546,900	341,900	4,450
South Vancouver	19,450	16,750	25,465
x Vancouver	137,675	108,000	433,300
x Victoria	674,055	529,755	11,750
	57,395	45,000	44,120
Total 60 Cities	9,927,968	9,258,752	747,170
Total 35 Cities	8,105,349	7,577,600	35,188
Cumulative total for 60	1925	1924	1923
Cities - first nine months	96,491,160	95,533,115	108,026,938

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1925, AND OCTOBER, 1924.

The building permits issued by 60 cities during October were valued at \$11,059,697, as compared with \$9,931,968 in September, 1925, and with \$11,817,189 in October of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$1,127,729 or 11.4 p.c. in the first comparison and a decrease of \$757,492 or 6.4 p.c. in the second.

Some 50 cities supplied detailed statements, showing that they had granted permits for the erection of approximately 1,200 dwellings estimated to cost about \$6,400,000, and of over 2,600 other buildings valued at more than \$2,900,000. In September, permits were granted for some 1,400 dwellings at a proposed cost in excess of \$5,800,000, and for more than 2,700 other buildings, valued at nearly \$3,600,000.

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with September, that of \$922,253 or 2.7 p.c. in Quebec being the largest. The remaining provinces showed declines, of which that of \$250,955 or 45.8 p.c. in Manitoba was most pronounced.

As compared with the same month of last year, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported gains in the value of the building authorized; in the latter province the total for the month under review exceeded that for October, 1924, by \$1,119,365 or 132.7 p.c. Ontario recorded the greatest absolute reduction in this comparison, of \$875,174 or 16.0 p.c., but in New Brunswick there was a larger proportional loss of \$146,645 or 78.0 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto issued permits at a higher valuation than in September, 1925, but the totals were less than in October of last year. In Vancouver, on the other hand, the building authorized was lower than in the preceding month, but considerably greater than in the same month of 1924. In Winnipeg, there were decreases in both comparisons. Sydney, St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Stratford, Niagara Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York Township, Sandwich, Elkherville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, New Westminster and Prince Rupert reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with both September, 1925, and October, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1925.

The following table shows the aggregate value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first ten months of the last six years. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for the same months in those years are also indicated.

Year	Value	Index No. of Wholesale Prices (10 mos. average)
1925	\$107,554,857	153.9
1924	107,350,304	160.6
1923	118,004,410	166.8
1922	127,279,136	162.0
1921	98,654,016	187.0
1920	106,350,792	215.5

There was an increase during 1925 of 0.2 p.c. over 1924, of 9.0 p.c. over 1921, and of 1 p.c. over 1920, but declines of 8.9 p.c. and 15.5 p.c. as compared with 1923 and 1922, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during September and October, 1925, and October, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Oct. 1925.	Sept. 1925	Oct. 1924
Prince Edward Island -Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Nova Scotia	25,883	33,638	29,885
x Halifax	16,945	30,170	23,660
New Glasgow	3,700	1,040	2,145
x Sydney	5,238	2,428	4,080
New Brunswick	41,305	127,805	187,950
Fredericton	Nil	8,300	162,000
x Moncton	805	104,005	14,550
St. John	10,500	15,500	11,400
Quebec	3,739,782	2,817,529	4,512,363
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,988,941	2,106,910	4,105,128
x Quebec	176,741	328,994	122,735
Shawinigan Falls	148,100	18,300	20,675
x Sherbrooke	57,700	102,600	6,000
x Three Rivers	51,150	113,725	33,200
x Westmount	317,150	147,000	224,625
Ontario	4,579,737	4,307,016	5,454,911
Belleville	11,925	16,700	15,400
x Brantford	13,615	8,362	8,855
Chatham	4,200	26,505	21,125
x Galt	47,915	41,820	528,950
x Guelph	7,281	2,940	17,535
x Hamilton	18,580	44,698	37,077
x Kingston	183,550	191,900	175,850
x Kitchener	19,831	53,171	85,339
x London	123,164	104,654	162,229
Niagara Falls	189,235	152,635	244,265
Oshawa	106,045	66,995	83,997
x Ottawa	22,465	64,700	25,325
Owen Sound	305,498	309,075	231,919
x Peterboro	1,000	3,400	5,500
x Port Arthur	31,300	24,760	50,959
x Stratford	7,365	56,370	10,380
x St. Catharines	33,190	18,670	24,895
x St. Thomas	57,585	34,975	37,899
Sarnia	8,570	14,025	27,725
Sault Ste. Marie	62,345	57,100	62,325
x Toronto	14,065	17,415	146,643
York Township	2,051,735	1,856,635	2,202,215
Welland	493,500	285,000	475,250
x Windsor	16,635	11,335	23,215
Ford	303,707	386,297	467,395
Riverside	107,065	175,600	37,530
Sandwich	21,500	121,700	22,600
Walkerville	169,675	95,700	107,200
Woodstock	136,000	57,000	108,000
Manitoba	11,196	6,879	7,314
x Brandon	296,535	547,420	321,745
St. Boniface	1,665	60	45,300
x Winnipeg	95,070	56,730	17,345
Saskatchewan	199,800	490,700	259,100
x Moose Jaw	224,985	234,690	198,765
x Regina	6,820	7,025	76,310
x Saskatoon	76,445	144,895	64,520
Alberta	141,720	82,770	57,935
x Calgary	188,685	390,260	268,150
x Edmonton	88,885	118,295	73,480
Lethbridge	95,800	247,510	92,125
Medicine Hat	335	24,405	68,845
British Columbia	3,665	50	33,700
Nanaimo	1,962,785	1,469,540	843,420
x New Westminster	2,200	800	13,350
Point Grey	47,525	33,265	16,950
Prince Rupert	339,700	546,900	425,600
South Vancouver	867,350	19,450	14,535
x Vancouver	66,275	137,675	48,123
Victoria	605,430	674,055	293,085
60 Cities	34,305	57,395	31,777
35 Cities	11,059,697	9,931,968	11,817,189
	8,348,405	8,105,349	9,851,912
	1925	1924	1923
ulative total for 60	107,554,857	107,350,304	118,004,410
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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR November 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR 1925, AND NOVEMBER, 1924.

There was a decline in the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during November as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with November, 1924. The building authorized was valued at \$7,696,099; this was 30.4 p.c. less than the October total of \$11,059,697 and 23.4 p.c. less than the aggregate of \$10,047,273 for November of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had issued over 800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost about \$3,300,000, and nearly 1,300 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,100,000. In the preceding months the erection was authorized of some 1,200 dwellings at a proposed cost of about \$6,400,000 and of over 2,600 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,900,000.

All provinces recorded reductions in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October. British Columbia and Quebec registered the greatest absolute losses of \$1,143,487 or 58.3 p.c. and \$1,052,837 or 28.2 p.c., respectively.

As compared with November, 1924, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized. The last named province showed the most pronounced gain of \$73,040 or 66.1 p.c. Of the declines recorded elsewhere, that of \$1,870,676 or 41.0 p.c. in Quebec was actually the largest, but New Brunswick registered the greatest proportional loss of \$8,990 or 83.6 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto reported reductions in the value of building permits issued as compared with both October, 1925, and November, 1924, while Winnipeg and Vancouver showed declines in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Three Rivers, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Calgary and New Westminster registered increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS; 1925

The value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during the first eleven months of the last six years, is shown in the following table, which also gives the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for the same months:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Index No. of Wholesale Prices</u> <u>(11 mos. average)</u>
1925	\$115,250,956	153.5
1924	117,397,577	159.8
1923	126,227,451	166.9
1922	138,450,681	162.0
1921	110,828,380	185.0
1920	111,970,591	215.3

There were, therefore, declines in 1925 of 1.8, 8.7 and 16.8 p.c., in the eleven months' aggregate for the 60 cities as compared with 1924, 1923 and 1922, respectively, but the total was higher by 4.0 p.c. than in 1921 and 2.9 p.c. than in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during October and November, 1925, and November, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	Nov. 1925	Oct. 1925	Nov. 1924
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	\$ 24,715	\$ 25,883	\$ 68,285
x Halifax	23,825	16,945	27,920
New Glasgow	Nil	3,700	1,000
x Sydney	890	5,238	39,365
New Brunswick	1,760	41,305	10,750
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,760	805	4,250
x St. John	Nil	40,500	6,500
Quebec	2,686,945	3,739,782	4,557,621
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,331,420	2,988,941	4,176,785
x Quebec	165,210	176,741	142,061
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	148,100	11,250
x Sherbrooke	29,150	57,700	7,500
x Three Rivers	97,365	51,150	26,400
x Westmount	63,800	317,150	193,625
Ontario	3,712,565	4,579,737	4,273,115
Belleville	2,200	11,925	8,800
x Brantford	4,198	13,615	5,650
Chatham	16,278	4,200	18,250
x For's William	45,725	47,915	23,400
Galt	700	7,281	8,510
x Guelph	31,410	18,580	30,949
x Hamilton	185,430	183,550	176,850
x Kingston	29,663	19,831	24,988
x Kitchener	103,911	123,164	81,515
x London	159,045	189,235	151,610
Niagara Falls	88,435	106,045	52,465
Oshawa	30,075	22,465	27,225
x Ottawa	92,945	305,448	228,480
Owen Sound	6,060	1,000	14,400
x Peterboro	11,660	31,300	33,665
x Port Arthur	13,334	7,365	3,387
x Stratford	18,945	33,190	11,090
x St. Catharines	64,953	57,585	39,085
x St. Thomas	10,700	8,570	3,095
Sarnia	46,495	62,345	142,700
Sault Ste Marie	10,993	14,065	20,090
x Toronto	1,776,468	2,051,735	2,223,585
York Township	319,600	493,500	389,400
Welland	8,820	16,635	13,190
x Windsor	423,290	303,707	256,730
Ford	80,975	107,065	35,170
Riverside	39,000	21,500	39,500
Sandwich	29,000	169,675	50,800
Walkerville	59,000	136,000	117,000
Woodstock	3,257	11,196	41,536
Manitoba	194,075	296,535	143,700
x Brandon	900	1,665	3,300
St. Boniface	31,325	95,070	26,800
x Winnipeg	161,850	199,800	113,600
Saskatchewan	73,150	224,985	47,610
x Moose Jaw	745	6,820	3,770
x Regina	49,440	76,445	27,435
x Saskatoon	22,965	141,720	16,405
Alberta	183,591	188,685	110,551
x Calgary	125,825	88,885	74,700
x Edmonton	49,245	95,800	28,675
Lethbridge	4,335	335	6,791
Medicine Hat	3,526	3,665	385
British Columbia	819,298	1,962,785	835,641
Nanaimo	1,000	2,200	2,500
x New Westminster	138,113	47,525	24,420
Point Grey	233,600	339,700	230,100
Prince Rupert	13,105	867,350	16,525
South Vancouver	41,250	66,275	26,650
x Vancouver	355,660	605,430	302,950
x Victoria	36,570	34,305	232,496
Total 60 cities	7,696,999	4,059,697	10,047,273
x Total 35 cities	6,626,410	8,348,405	8,746,236
Cumulative total for 60	1925	1924	1923
cities - first eleven months	115,250,956	117,397,577	126,227,451

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1925, AND DECEMBER, 1924.

The value of the buildings authorized during December was seasonal^{ly}, though only slightly lower than in the preceding month; it was however, higher than in the corresponding month of 1924. The aggregate was \$7,191,830, or 6.6 p.c. less than the November total of \$7,696,099, but 13.6 p.c. higher than the aggregate of \$6,333,619 in December, 1924.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 35 cities, which issued permits for nearly 500 dwellings valued at almost \$2,200,000, and for approximately 600 other buildings, estimated to cost some \$2,100,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the permits issued; that of \$316,122 or 8.5 p.c. in Ontario was the greatest absolute gain, but the proportional increase in New Brunswick was larger. Of the declines recorded elsewhere, those of \$503,933 or 18.8 p.c. in Quebec, and \$140,141 or 76.3 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

As compared with December, 1924, Alberta recorded a reduction of \$8,985 or 17.1 p.c., while in the remaining provinces there were gains, of which Ontario and British Columbia reported the largest - \$331,771 or 9.0 p.c. and \$314,720 or 82.1 p.c., respectively.

Montreal and Winnipeg showed decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, 1925, but increases as compared with December, 1924, while Toronto and Vancouver registered improvement in both comparisons. Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, St. John, Sherbrooke, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Sarnia, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver also recorded increases as compared with November, 1925, and December, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR TWELVE MONTHS, 1925.

The following table shows the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during 1925 and in the last five years; the aggregate for 1925 is based upon unrevised monthly totals, while for the preceding years the figures are revised. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, (with 1913 as 100) are also shown.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Index No. of Wholesale Prices</u> <u>(average for 12 months)</u>
1925	\$ 122,442,786	153.7
1924	123,731,196	159.1
1923	133,201,347	167.0
1922	147,962,173	162.2
1921	116,361,710	183.2
1920	116,779,628	214.9

There were, therefore, declines of 1.0 p.c., 8.1 p.c. and 17.2 p.c. in the value of the permits issued in 1925, as compared with 1924, 1923 and 1922, respectively, but increases of 5.2 p.c. and 4.8 p.c. over 1921 and 1920, respectively. When the decrease in the cost of building materials is considered, it seems certain that building in 1925 was on a higher level in the cities than in 1924 and possibly than in 1923.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during November and December, 1925, and December, 1924. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Dec. 1925	Nov. 1925	Dec. 1924
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	7,400
Nova Scotia	35,655	24,715	9,085
x Halifax	24,995	23,825	7,175
New Glasgow	100	Nil	100
x Sydney	10,560	890	1,780
New Brunswick	10,500	1,760	7,500
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	5,000
x Moncton	6,000	1,760	Nil
x St. John	4,500	Nil	2,500
Quebec	2,183,012	2,686,945	2,092,007
x Montreal -xMaisonneuve	2,021,000	2,331,420	1,613,187
x Quebec	26,890	165,210	75,495
Shawinigan Falls	925	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	69,300	29,150	3,000
x Three Rivers	16,585	97,365	317,175
x Westmount	48,312	63,800	83,150
Ontario	4,028,687	3,712,565	3,696,916
Belleville	31,200	2,200	37,000
x Brantford	10,360	4,198	8,015
Chatham	38,700	16,278	30,000
x Fort William	28,350	45,725	50,750
Galt	4,818	700	181
x Guelph	8,505	31,410	3,445
x Hamilton	110,150	185,430	164,800
x Kingston	116,250	29,663	10,800
x Kitchener	106,000	103,911	81,220
x London	320,260	159,045	80,245
Niagara Falls	42,375	88,435	98,200
Oshawa	4,735	30,075	28,550
x Ottawa	61,100	92,945	59,650
Owen Sound	Nil	6,060	Nil
x Peterboro	6,725	11,660	15,750
x Port Arthur	2,611	13,334	4,602
x Stratford	560	18,945	5,310
x St. Catharines	17,205	64,953	21,250
x St. Thomas	1,075	10,700	5,000
Sarnia	74,445	46,495	51,725
Sault Ste Marie	1,275	10,393	16,375
x Toronto	2,115,628	1,776,468	2,383,260
York Township	217,100	319,600	227,650
Welland	7,635	8,820	6,000
x Windsor	164,775	423,290	143,120
Ford	37,050	80,975	105,214
Riverside	13,500	39,000	7,000
Sandwich	26,000	29,000	13,100
Walkerville	20,000	59,000	38,000
Woodstock	Nil	3,257	1,104
Manitoba	73,000	194,075	63,065
x Brandon	500	900	1,825
St. Boniface	7,700	31,325	12,840
x Winnipeg	64,800	161,850	48,400
Saskatchewan	119,655	73,150	22,120
x Moose Jaw	2,060	745	4,420
x Regina	67,000	49,440	9,325
x Saskatoon	50,595	22,965	8,375
Alberta	43,450	183,591	52,435
x Calgary	32,070	125,825	23,770
x Edmonton	5,235	49,245	23,825
Lethbridge	5,945	4,935	4,840
Medicine Hat	200	3,586	Nil
British Columbia	697,871	819,298	383,151
Nanaimo	3,286	1,000	600
x New Westminster	30,925	138,113	28,880
Point Grey	143,900	233,600	132,700
Prince Rupert	14,650	13,105	3,290
South Vancouver	43,740	41,850	42,425
x Vancouver	429,452	355,600	166,395
x Victoria	6,078	30,213	8,861
Total 60 cities	7,696,099	7,696,099	6,733,329
x Total 35 cities	6,626,410	6,626,410	5,424,328
Cumulative total for 60 cities -twelve months (1925 figures not revised)	122,442,786	123,731,196	133,201,347

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR JANUARY 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
DECEMBER, 1925, and JANUARY, 1925.

Reports from 60 cities again indicated a decrease in January, as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with January, 1925. The building authorized was valued at \$4,608,688; this was 37.2 p.c. less than the December total of \$7,341,752 and 15.3 p.c. less than the January, 1925 total of \$5,440,770.

Some 45 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost about \$2,200,000 and over 900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,900,000.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the permits issued, as compared with the preceding month; that of \$727,027, or 103.2 p.c. in British Columbia being the greatest absolute gain, but the proportional increase in New Brunswick was larger. Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported decreases, that of \$2,241,505 or 53.7 p.c. in Ontario being the greatest absolute loss, but the proportional decrease was greater in the other three provinces.

As compared with January, 1925, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia reported increases, the largest of which was \$632,519 or 79.2 p.c. in British Columbia. Declines were registered in the other provinces, the largest, \$962,462 or 33.3 p.c. being in Ontario.

Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa showed decreases as compared with December, 1925 and January, 1925; Hamilton showed a loss compared with last month's figures, but a gain over January of the previous year; Vancouver registered gains in both comparisons. Other cities showing gains over both last month and the corresponding month of last year were St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Walkerville, St. Boniface, Calgary, Edmonton, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during January, 1926, and December and January, 1925. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Dec. 1926	Dec. 1925	Jan. 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	13,230	35,685	2,190
x Halifax	10,130	24,995	2,190
New Glasgow	Nil	100	Nil
x Sydney	3,100	10,590	Nil
New Brunswick	106,860	10,500	17,300
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	9,000
x Moncton	1,100	6,000	2,300
x St. John	105,760	4,500	6,000
Quebec	913,166	2,183,012	1,567,885
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	548,510	2,021,000	765,235
x Quebec	15,976	26,890	12,200
Shawinigan Falls	7,600	925	Nil
x Sherbrooke	6,500	69,300	24,000
x Three Rivers	27,880	16,585	714,125
x Westmount	306,700	48,312	52,325
Ontario	1,930,407	4,171,912	2,892,869
Belleville	1,350	31,200	275
x Brantford	940	10,360	11,500
Chatham	10,100	38,700	Nil
x Fort William	10,100	28,350	6,750
Galt	3,800	4,818	5,900
x Guelph	400	8,505	1,300
x Hamilton	91,600	110,150	59,800
x Kingston	360	116,250	1,325
x Kitchener	33,035	106,000	39,600
x London	33,640	320,260	45,260
Niagara Falls	76,575	42,375	32,325
Oshawa	16,800	4,735	7,720
x Ottawa	24,800	61,100	256,200
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterborough	12,500	6,725	Nil
x Port Arthur	2,920	2,611	1,365
x Stratford	355	560	825
x St. Catharines	6,760	17,205	6,375
x St. Thomas	5,150	1,075	3,575
Sarnia	28,927	74,445	9,825
Sault Ste. Marie	6,845	1,275	700
x Toronto	1,115,630	2,495,628	1,843,355
York Township	111,100	385,625	178,800
Welland	880	7,635	150
x Windsor	233,950	164,775	104,400
Ford	19,435	37,050	7,650
Riverside	2,000	38,500	3,000
Sanwich	53,750	36,000	260,600
Walkerville	25,000	20,000	2,000
Woodstock	1,705	Nil	2,294
Manitoba	115,550	73,000	79,860
x Brandon	800	500	800
St. Boniface	37,500	7,700	60
x Winnipeg	77,250	64,800	79,000
Saskatchewan	21,410	119,655	22,800
x Moose Jaw	950	2,060	400
x Regina	9,200	67,000	18,350
x Saskatoon	11,260	50,595	4,050
Alberta	76,500	43,450	58,820
x Calgary	55,050	32,070	48,550
x Edmonton	18,150	5,235	9,875
Lethbridge	3,165	5,945	250
Medicine Hat	135	200	145
British Columbia	1,431,565	704,538	799,046
Nanaimo	5,000	3,280	4,000
x New Westminster	42,050	30,925	12,775
Point Grey	270,800	148,900	332,700
Prince Rupert	15,805	14,650	7,350
South Vancouver	86,850	43,740	32,700
x Vancouver	981,545	429,452	335,610
x Victoria	29,515	33,585	73,911
Total 60 Cities	4,608,688	7,341,752	5,440,770
Total 35 Cities	3,823,566	6,393,948	4,543,326

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR MARCH, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1926, AND MARCH, 1925.

The value of the building authorized in 60 cities during March, standing at \$10,538,423, was 48.3 p.c. greater than the total of \$7,104,343 in the preceding month, and 22.3 p.c. above the aggregate of \$8,613,732 in March, 1925. The total for the month under review was larger than for March of any other year since 1920, with the exception of 1922, when the projected building in the cities was estimated to cost \$10,595,196. At the same time, the index number of wholesale prices of building materials was lower in March, 1926, than in any other month of those years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had authorized the construction of nearly 1,200 dwellings valued at approximately \$5,300,000 and of over 1,900 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$4,300,000. In February, permits were issued for some 600 dwellings and 1,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$2,570,000 and \$4,200,000, respectively.

As compared with February, 1926, all provinces except Quebec and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the permits issued; in those two provinces there were losses of 22.3 p.c. and 15.6 p.c., respectively. Ontario cities reported the largest absolute gain of \$2,800,960, or 135.0 p.c., but the proportionate increases in New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta were greater.

All provinces except Manitoba recorded higher aggregates of building permits issued than in March, 1925. The increases of \$871,335 or 56.7 p.c. in Quebec and \$441,427, or 10.0 p.c., in Ontario were the most pronounced absolute gains, but New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered larger percentage increases.

Toronto and Winnipeg reported greater totals of proposed building than in either February, 1926, or March, 1925. In Montreal, there was a decline in the former and an increase in the latter comparison. On the other hand, Vancouver reported building at a higher estimated cost than in the preceding month, but there was a slight falling off as compared with the same month of last year. Sydney, Fredericton, St. John, Quebec, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, the Townships of York, Welland, Windsor, Sandwich, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Victoria reported higher building permits than in either February, 1926, or March, 1925.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1926

The table following shows the value of the building authorized during March of each year since 1920, as well as during the first quarter of the same years. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials during the first three months of those years are also given. (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter
	In March	In first quarter	
1926	\$ 10,538,423	\$ 22,251,454	152.3
1925	8,613,732	19,934,360	153.8
1924	9,468,270	18,000,669	167.3
1923	9,627,250	19,441,159	164.9
1922	10,595,196	18,643,948	161.1
1921	7,265,182	13,426,227	207.8
1920	8,714,410	18,866,351	208.1

It will be noted that the aggregate for March, 1926, was higher than in any other year since 1920, except 1922, when it was 0.5 p.c. greater; the index number of wholesale prices of building materials was then, however, nearly 9 points higher. The total for the first quarter of this year was the largest on record for the 60 cities, being 11.6 p.c. greater than in 1925, the previous high level, and 65.7 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building was at its lowest ebb in these six years and when building costs had only commenced to decline from the peak of 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities in February and March, 1926, and March, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Mar. 1926	Feb. 1926	Mar. 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	34,245	20,225	31,720
x Halifax	23,895	18,225	25,945
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	700
x Sydney	10,350	2,000	5,075
New Brunswick	110,618	125	15,045
Fredericton	14,400	Nil	7,500
x Moncton	1,000	125	3,045
x St. John	95,218	Nil	4,500
Quebec	2,408,355	3,100,770	1,537,020
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,048,365	2,900,470	1,330,960
x Quebec	131,675	30,975	55,325
Shawinigan Falls	5,875	Nil	16,200
x Sherbrooke	10,900	5,000	15,800
x Three Rivers	67,690	72,325	70,525
x Westmount	143,850	92,000	48,150
Ontario	4,876,125	2,075,165	4,434,698
Belleville	10,000	5,200	11,460
x Brantford	7,860	15,600	14,790
Chatham	37,550	11,500	6,000
x Fort William	223,725	9,600	31,840
Galt	63,910	660	1,881
x Guelph	53,390	3,500	35,000
x Hamilton	329,750	118,950	307,200
x Kingston	9,420	10,955	20,276
x Kitchener	54,145	22,380	139,953
x London	60,215	16,255	134,920
Niagara Falls	228,570	124,300	57,525
Oshawa	15,285	12,250	66,250
x Ottawa	77,425	24,540	141,730
Owen Sound	3,500	Nil	14,500
x Peterborough	10,560	1,395	15,567
x Port Arthur	13,250	48,455	7,275
x Stratford	11,865	1,630	62,280
x St. Catharines	23,282	1,200	35,455
x St. Thomas	18,600	1,140	229,740
Sarnia	52,350	18,955	88,736
Sault Ste. Marie	8,955	1,455	15,406
Toronto	2,154,620	1,133,910	1,865,651
York Townships	586,500	223,550	524,375
Welland	13,725	5,350	3,790
x Windsor	535,820	164,870	322,780
Ford	53,500	24,800	52,720
Riverside	13,300	13,000	18,000
Sandwich	127,650	32,400	115,950
Walkerville	73,000	25,000	89,000
Woodstock	4,403	2,365	4,648
Manitoba	576,206	98,850	727,680
x Brandon	31,100	1,700	200
St. Boniface	20,906	12,000	511,780
x Winnipeg	524,200	85,150	215,700
Saskatchewan	182,164	215,815	42,720
x Moose Jaw	39,775	3,800	14,510
x Regina	60,469	204,725	23,775
x Saskatoon	81,920	7,290	4,435
Alberta	439,860	120,483	172,045
x Calgary	149,695	71,373	94,800
x Edmonton	244,865	37,450	47,540
Lethbridge	43,640	11,660	29,645
Medicine Hat	1,660	Nil	60
British Columbia	1,910,850	1,472,910	1,652,804
Nanaimo	17,425	7,600	14,415
x New Westminster	46,375	47,800	22,200
Point Grey	765,400	458,900	561,600
Prince Rupert	7,950	25,500	11,600
South Vancouver	160,900	85,320	92,025
x Vancouver	808,035	792,485	873,215
x Victoria	104,765	52,395	77,749
Total - 60 Cities	10,538,423	7,104,343	8,613,732
x Total - 35 Cities	8,238,069	6,002,272	6,297,906
Cumulative total for 60 cities, first three months.	1926	1925	1924
	22,251,494	19,934,360	18,000,669

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR APRIL, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1926,
AND APRIL, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1920-1926.

According to returns from 60 cities, the value of the building permits issued during April showed the considerable increase of \$8,450,332, or 80.2 p.c. over March, 1925, while there was also a gain of \$3,545,900 or 23.0 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the corresponding month of last year. The building authorized in April was estimated to cost \$18,988,755, as compared with \$10,538,423 in the preceding month and \$15,442,855 in April, 1925. The total for the month was also higher than in April of any year since 1920, with the exception of April, 1923, when it was slightly higher. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials was then, however, 16 points higher than in April, 1926, when at 150.4, it was lower than in any month since 1919, the first year for which records are available on a monthly basis.

Some 50 cities reported that they had issued permits for nearly 1,700 dwellings valued at over \$7,000,000, and for more than 2,900 other buildings, also estimated at approximately \$7,000,000. In March, authorizations included some 1,200 dwellings and 4,900 other buildings valued at about \$5,300,000 and \$4,800,000, respectively.

As compared with March, 1926, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Alberta, where there were declines of 12.1 and 30.2 p.c., respectively. The largest gains were indicated in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered much higher totals of building permits issued than in April, 1925, but in the remaining provinces there were decreases, of which that of \$762,000 or 10.1 p.c. in Ontario was the greatest absolute loss. The reduction in Nova Scotia of 86.9 p.c. was, however, the largest proportional decline. Manitoba showed the most pronounced gain of \$4,465,368.

Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of building authorized as compared with both March, 1926, and April, 1925, while in Montreal there was a falling off in both comparisons. Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Welland, Windsor, Ford, Riverside, Sandwich, Lekeville, Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and New Westminster recorded greater totals of building permits issued in April than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1926

The table following shows the value of the building authorized in April and the first four months of each year since 1920. The January-April average index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the first four months of those years are also given. (1913 = 100)

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of wholesale Prices of Building Materials in first four months
	In April	In first four months	
1926	\$18,988,755	\$41,240,209	152.0
1925	15,442,855	35,377,215	154.0
1924	13,594,306	31,594,975	166.5
1923	19,493,926	38,935,085	165.3
1922	15,806,123	34,450,071	160.7
1921	13,460,339	26,886,566	204.6
1920	15,631,350	34,498,201	213.4

The aggregate value of building authorized during April was thus higher than the same month in any of the last six years except 1923, while the total for the first four months of this year was the greatest since this record was begun in 1920, being 5.9 p.c. larger than in 1923, the previous high level, and 53.4 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building in the cities reached its lowest point in recent years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by cities in March and April, 1926, and April, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated By Building Permits.

Cities	Apr. 1926	Mar. 1926	Apr. 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	6,000
Nova Scotia	84,576	74,245	643,646
x Halifax	26,995	23,895	639,255
New Glasgow	160	Nil	645
x Sydney	57,421	10,350	3,746
New Brunswick	97,205	110,618	437,985
Fredericton	3,300	14,400	16,600
x Moncton	52,505	1,000	10,855
x St. John	41,400	95,218	410,530
Quebec	3,273,084	2,408,355	3,498,031
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,942,197	2,048,365	2,346,820
x Quebec	358,237	1,116,75	245,836
Shawinigan Falls	26,925	5,875	45,350
x Sherbrooke	147,900	10,900	58,100
x Three Rivers	174,675	67,690	597,225
x Westmount	623,150	143,850	204,700
Ontario	6,746,731	4,876,125	7,508,731
Belleville	203,490	10,000	38,100
x Brantford	10,425	7,860	15,127
Chatham	37,155	37,550	7,985
x Fort William	55,220	223,725	265,720
Galt	54,320	63,910	28,160
x Guelph	32,705	53,390	56,582
x Hamilton	343,470	329,750	307,800
x Kingston	59,049	9,420	133,954
x Kitchener	160,212	54,145	299,058
x London	246,945	60,215	305,700
Niagara Falls	120,150	228,570	94,105
Oshawa	11,957	15,285	82,790
x Ottawa	176,915	77,425	771,762
Owen Sound	3,450	3,500	50,550
x Peterborough	15,730	10,560	55,734
x Port Arthur	85,938	13,250	46,055
x Stratford	53,482	11,865	77,550
x St. Catharines	91,070	23,282	119,452
x St. Thomas	30,410	18,600	14,711
Sarnia	55,312	52,350	73,749
Sault Ste. Marie	52,935	8,955	54,649
x Toronto	2,466,160	2,154,620	2,363,910
York Townships	556,365	586,500	1,070,500
Welland	122,114	13,725	11,070
x Windsor	969,308	535,820	793,050
Ford	162,175	53,500	133,980
Riverside	55,455	13,300	13,500
Sandwich	363,025	197,650	92,100
Walkerville	144,000	73,000	117,000
Woodstock	8,809	4,403	14,318
Manitoba	5,301,628	576,206	836,260
x Brandon	6,570	31,100	26,152
St. Boniface	33,708	20,906	37,708
x Winnipeg	5,261,350	524,200	772,400
Saskatchewan	815,895	182,164	316,710
x Moose Jaw	22,525	39,775	11,025
x Regina	550,465	60,469	200,915
x Saskatoon	242,905	81,920	104,770
Alberta	306,921	439,860	393,948
x Calgary	151,966	149,695	122,850
x Edmonton	153,710	244,865	240,310
Lethbridge	10,915	43,640	25,448
Medicine Hat	10,330	1,660	5,340
British Columbia	2,362,715	1,910,850	1,801,544
Nanaimo	7,450	17,425	5,065
x New Westminster	90,305	46,375	45,025
Point Grey	569,950	765,400	608,800
Prince Rupert	22,650	7,950	26,800
South Vancouver	145,870	160,800	125,575
x Vancouver	1,461,080	808,035	958,307
x Victoria	65,430	104,765	31,672
Total 60 Cities	18,988,755	10,538,423	15,442,855
x Total, 35 Cities	16,206,805	8,208,069	12,656,968
Cumulative Record for 60 Cities -	1926	1925	1924
first four months	41,240,209	35,377,215	31,594,975

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR MAY, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1926
AND MAY, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1920-1926.

According to returns from 60 cities, the value of the building permits issued during May amounted to \$18,513,422, as compared with \$18,988,755 in the preceding month and \$15,500,165 in May, 1925. This was a slight decrease of \$475,333 or 2.5 p.c. from last month's total, but in the more significant comparison with May of last year there was an increase of \$3,013,257 or 15.9 p.c. The total for the month was higher than in any May since 1920, with the exception of 1922 and 1923, when the index number of wholesale prices of building materials was higher, standing at 162.5 and 167.4 respectively, as compared with 147.7 in May of 1926.

Some 45 cities reported that they had issued permits for nearly 1,950 dwellings valued at nearly \$9,500,000, and for nearly 4,000 other buildings, valued at over \$8,200,000. In April, authorizations included some 1,700 dwellings and 2,900 other buildings, each category being valued at about \$7,000,000.

As compared with April, 1926, there were increases in all provinces except Manitoba, where there was a decline of 76.0 p.c. from last month's unusually large total of \$5,301,628. All provinces except Ontario registered higher totals of permits issued than in May, 1925. Ontario showed a decrease of \$734,468 or 8.7 p.c. from last year's total for May.

Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the value of building authorized as compared with both April, 1926, and May, 1925, while Toronto's total was greater than last month's, but under that for May, 1925. Winnipeg, on the other hand, showed an increase over the May, 1925, figures, but a decrease from last month's total. Halifax, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Brantford, Chatham, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Ford, Walkerville, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton, Nanaimo, Point Grey, South Vancouver, and Victoria recorded greater totals of building permits issued in May than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1926.

The table following shows the value of the building authorized in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920. The January -May average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials during the first five months of those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of wholesale Prices of Building Materials in first five months
	In May	In first five Months	
1926	\$18,513,422	\$59,753,631	151.1
1925	15,500,165	50,011,236	153.8
1924	14,762,400	45,890,525	166.0
1923	18,917,418	57,852,503	165.7
1922	19,468,741	53,918,812	161.1
1921	14,433,990	41,320,556	200.7
1920	13,076,380	47,574,581	215.9

It will be observed that the cumulative total for the first five months of 1926 is the largest since this record was begun in 1920, being 3.3 p.c. larger than in 1923, the previous high level, and 43.7 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building in the cities reached its lowest point in recent years. Further, the wholesale prices of building materials are lower in 1926 than in any previous year during the period.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by cities in March and April, 1926, and April, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	May, 1926	April, 1926	May, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown		Nil	5,000
Nova Scotia	92,691	84,576	93,437
x Halifax	88,052	26,995	79,412
New Glasgow	600	160	11,750
x Sydney	4,039	57,421	2,275
New Brunswick	109,168	97,205	42,565
Fredericton	5,690	3,300	29,100
x Moncton	94,978	52,505	8,465
x Saint John	8,500	41,400	5,000
Quebec	5,365,226	3,273,084	3,214,210
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,781,110	1,942,197	2,140,920
x Quebec	377,636	358,237	569,935
Shawinigan Falls	28,125	26,925	77,200
x Sherbrooke	178,000	147,900	35,160
x Three Rivers	409,230	174,675	281,650
x Westmount	1,591,125	623,150	109,375
Ontario	7,707,534	6,746,731	8,442,002
Belleville	14,595	203,490	22,475
x Brantford	19,520	10,425	8,490
Chatham	70,650	37,155	67,200
x Fort William	184,680	55,220	65,925
Galt	14,058	54,320	18,147
x Guelph	24,650	32,705	45,220
x Hamilton	502,000	343,450	310,300
x Kingston	208,364	59,049	27,092
x Kitchener	169,557	160,212	166,588
x London	418,120	246,945	224,880
Niagara Falls	187,645	120,150	185,240
Oshawa	43,375	11,957	76,590
x Ottawa	382,875	176,915	1,875,385
Owen Sound	25,060	3,450	426,425
x Peterborough	50,770	14,730	25,210
x Port Arthur	98,466	85,938	179,785
x Stratford	72,510	57,432	54,778
x St. Catharines	91,180	91,070	52,590
x St. Thomas	89,727	30,410	25,020
Sarnia	78,085	55,312	116,590
Sault Ste. Marie	31,362	52,935	41,715
x Toronto	2,668,044	2,466,160	2,823,972
York Townships	484,110	556,365	629,625
Welland	51,150	122,114	18,720
x Windsor	971,320	969,308	441,650
Ford	193,275	162,175	149,550
Riverside	61,400	55,455	121,750
Sandwich	219,925	363,025	111,130
Walkerville	269,000	144,000	116,000
Woodstock	12,061	8,809	14,564
Manitoba	1,273,317	5,301,628	729,920
x Brandon	93,820	6,570	18,500
St. Boniface	127,197	33,708	46,020
x Winnipeg	1,052,300	5,261,350	664,440
Saskatchewan	860,198	815,895	651,347
x Moose Jaw	28,120	22,525	12,680
x Regina	519,190	550,465	210,890
x Saskatoon	312,888	242,905	418,777
Alberta	663,194	306,921	466,295
x Calgary	279,894	131,966	181,850
x Edmonton	372,575	153,710	270,575
Lethbridge	9,775	10,915	13,560
Medicine Hat	9,950	10,530	13,710
British Columbia	2,442,094	2,362,715	1,855,789
Nanaimo	13,900	7,450	8,500
x New Westminster	43,465	90,305	33,545
Point Grey	580,750	569,950	551,100
Prince Rupert	9,375	22,650	26,124
South Vancouver	164,800	145,850	165,590
x Vancouver	1,534,155	1,461,030	700,000
x Victoria	95,649	65,430	37,710
Total 60 Cities	18,513,422	18,988,755	15,500,135
x Total 35 Cities	15,816,509	16,206,805	12,212,694
	1926	1925	1924
Cumulative Record for 60 Cities-			
first five months	59,753,631	50,011,236	45,890,525

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Building Permits Reports for June, 1926, with Comparative Statements
for May, 1926, and June, 1925, and Cumulative Report for First Half-
Year

There was an increase of 0.7 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June as compared with May, and a considerable gain of 25.2 p.c. over June, 1925. The former increase, though slight, is interesting because the building authorized in June is generally less than in May. The total for the month under review stood at \$18,672,238, while in the preceding month it was \$18,537,932, and in June, 1925, it was \$14,915,884. The list of cities this month includes, for the first time, Kamloops and North Vancouver; the former was added to give representation in these statistics to the interior of British Columbia and the latter on account of its proximity to Vancouver. The monthly record since 1920 of building permits issued has been altered by the inclusion of these two centres.

Some 45 cities reported that they had issued over 1,800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,000,000 and more than 3,100 permits for other buildings valued at over \$9,800,000. In May, authorizations included nearly 1,950 dwellings and almost 4,000 other buildings valued at approximately \$9,500,000 and \$8,200,000, respectively.

During June there were increases over May in the value of building permits issued in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. The gain in the last named, of \$859,055 or 34.8 p.c., was most pronounced. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$866,479 or 16.1 p.c. in Quebec was absolutely the largest, but the loss of \$44,261 or 47.8 p.c. in Nova Scotia was proportionately greater.

As compared with June, 1925, New Brunswick and Quebec registered reductions in the value of building authorized. The other provinces recorded increases; that in Ontario of \$1,539,256 or 23.8 p.c., was the largest absolute gain, while Alberta showed the greatest proportionate increase of \$446,230, or 125.3 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto reported decreases in the permits granted as compared with May, 1926, and June, 1925, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver there were gains in both comparisons. Quebec, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Ford, Sandwich, Woodstock, Saskatoon, Calgary, New Westminster, Point Grey, and North Vancouver also recorded increases as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued in 63 cities during May and June, 1926, and June, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1920-1926

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 63 cities during the first six months of each year since 1920; it also shows the total for the same years, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

The 1926 aggregate for the first six months was \$78,620,362; this was 19.3 p.c., 29.6 p.c., 7.6 p.c., 10.3 p.c., 41.0 p.c., and 27.3 p.c., higher than in 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920, respectively. Since the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials is this year considerably lower than in any other year since 1920, the increase in the volume of construction is greater than would be indicated by the percentage gain in the value of building permits issued by the co-operating cities.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED.

Quebec and the four Western provinces registered higher totals of building permits issued than in the first six months of last year; in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, indeed, the aggregate was greater than in any other year since 1920. Manitoba recorded an increase of 170.4 p.c. over the corresponding half-year in 1925; in Saskatchewan there was a gain of 91.4 p.c., in Alberta of 59.7 p.c., in British Columbia of 35.9 p.c. and in Quebec of 17.5 p.c. Of the remaining provinces, Ontario reported the minor reduction of 1.5 p.c., while Nova Scotia showed a loss of 65.6 p.c. and New Brunswick of 34.6 p.c.

During the months, January-June, 1925, the 31 cities reporting in Ontario issued 48.2 p.c. of the aggregate for the 63 cities, but this year the proportion was only 39.9 p.c. On the other hand, Manitoba's percentage of the total rose from 4.7 in 1925 to 10.8 in 1926. The six co-operating cities in Quebec registered 24.9 p.c. of the six months' aggregate for this year, an insignificant loss as compared with 1925, while 16.7 p.c. of the total building authorized in the 63 cities was reported by the nine centres making returns in British Columbia, a gain of 2 p.c. over the proportion for the first six months of last year.

TOTALS OF PERMITS ISSUED BY FOUR LEADING CITIES

In Table 3 are given the first six months' aggregates in each year since 1920, of building permits issued in the four largest cities, together with the proportion that their totals bear to the yearly and half-yearly aggregates for the 63 cities. The building authorized was valued at \$40,454,577 in the first six months of 1926; this was the highest total for the corresponding period of any year since 1920, being 27.3 p.c. greater than in 1925, and 7 p.c. above the previous high level in 1923.

The 1926 six months' total of \$12,682,239 in Montreal was exceeded by that for 1923, while the aggregate for Toronto was lower than in 1925, 1923, 1922 and 1920. The growth of the suburban areas adjoining the city probably accounts for this falling off. Winnipeg and Vancouver registered the highest totals for the six months for any year since 1920. The Winnipeg aggregate was 48.5 p.c. higher than in 1920, the previous high level, and 355.9 p.c. above the low mark of 1924. In Vancouver, there was a gain of 58.3 p.c. as compared with 1925, when building was more active than in any year since 1920.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

According to the Maclean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1926, was \$194,543,600 as compared with \$125,544,100 and \$128,723,100 in 1925 and 1924, respectively. Of the total of contracts awarded this year, \$56,415,300 was classed as residential, \$53,760,500 as business, \$43,879,500 as industrial and \$40,488,300 as engineering projects.

Table 1 - Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	June 1926	May 1926	June 1925
	\$	\$	\$
P.E. I. - Charlottetown	17,000	Nil	Nil
Nov. Scotia	48,430	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	41,335	92,691	47,105
New Glasgow	2,345	88,052	46,200
x Sydney	4,750	600	60
New Brunswick	70,025	4,039	845
Fredericton	7,660	109,168	186,045
x Moncton	45,665	5,690	3,775
x Saint John	16,700	94,978	8,270
Quebec	4,498,747	8,500	174,000
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	2,461,587	5,365,226	4,554,878
x Quebec	1,518,660	2,781,110	2,908,555
Shawinigan Falls	23,785	377,636	382,661
x Sherbrooke	87,800	28,125	29,950
x Three Rivers	154,490	178,000	31,500
x Westmount	251,425	409,230	57,100
Ontario	7,995,757	1,591,125	1,145,112
Bellefonte	10,225	7,707,534	6,456,501
x Brantford	14,470	14,595	29,910
Chatham	20,595	19,520	24,097
x Fort William	62,710	70,650	3,575
Galt	7,501	184,680	81,170
x Guelph	77,820	14,058	27,415
x Hamilton	431,500	24,650	87,611
x Kingston	202,691	502,000	361,000
x Kitchener	135,092	208,364	12,277
x London	248,870	169,557	176,880
Niagara Falls	261,232	418,120	228,085
Oshawa	103,205	187,645	124,765
x Ottawa	383,663	43,375	47,600
Owen Sound	34,500	382,875	397,550
x Peterborough	23,063	25,060	15,375
x Port Arthur	488,355	50,770	35,630
x Stratford	78,674	98,466	29,966
x St. Catharines	197,446	72,510	29,117
x St. Thomas	13,240	91,180	108,187
Sarnia	61,530	89,727	11,705
Sault Ste. Marie	24,775	78,085	51,308
x Toronto	2,407,549	31,362	18,700
York Townships	758,570	2,668,044	3,046,810
Welland	107,895	484,110	629,945
x Windsor	1,187,661	51,150	21,355
Fori	217,750	971,320	395,676
Riverside	68,250	193,275	157,350
Sandwich	253,825	61,400	127,200
Walkerville	196,000	219,925	117,600
Woodstock	17,100	269,000	52,000
Manitoba	1,125,695	12,061	6,142
x Brandon	7,750	1,273,317	612,635
St. Boniface	48,595	93,820	5,500
x Winnipeg	1,069,350	127,197	52,885
Manitoba	788,510	1,052,300	554,250
x Moose Jaw	18,735	860,198	426,098
x Regina	384,570	28,120	125,280
x Saskatoon	385,205	519,190	215,243
Saskatchewan	802,415	312,888	85,575
Alberta	629,330	663,194	356,185
Calgary	152,440	279,894	151,200
Edmonton	17,295	372,575	183,540
Lethbridge	2,450	9,775	21,235
Medicine Hat	3,325,659	9,950	160
British Columbia	1,850	2,466,604	2,276,437
Kamloops	6,556	Nil	1,200
Nanaimo	100,393	13,900	5,400
New Westminster	12,600	43,465	79,435
Prince Rupert	2,179,525	9,375	31,600
Vancouver	708,000	1,534,155	1,477,506
Point Grey	177,055	580,750	503,600
North Vancouver	107,400	24,510	68,075
South Vancouver	32,480	164,800	78,275
Victoria		95,649	31,046
al - 63 cities	18,672,238	18,537,932	14,915,884
- 35 cities	15,396,894	15,816,509	12,628,579

Table 2.- Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities During First Half-year, 1920-1926.

Province	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Prince Edward Island	17,000	11,000	16,700	27,500	49,500	127,200	34,500
Nova Scotia	293,397	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457	2,338,612
New Brunswick	494,001	755,090	304,289	446,666	1,107,458	534,855	1,123,270
Quebec	19,559,348	16,647,887	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750	13,318,280
Ontario	31,331,719	31,808,126	29,028,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123	29,355,724
Manitoba	8,491,246	3,140,730	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,439,403	3,696,283	5,740,273
Saskatchewan	2,883,992	1,506,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,437,585	1,874,257	2,219,660
Alberta	2,409,373	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465	3,791,546
British Columbia	13,140,286	9,662,617	7,610,764	4,799,270	5,449,206	5,401,274	3,832,845
Canada (63 Cities)	78,620,362	65,899,717	60,674,154	73,047,496	71,281,674	55,771,684	61,754,710
Canada	-	125,029,367	126,583,148	133,521,621	148,215,407	116,794,414	117,019,622
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year	-	52.7	47.9	54.7	48.1	47.6	52.8
1/ Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, 6 months	150.6	154.1	165.2	166.1	161.1	197.1	215.5
2/ Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)	-	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5	180.9

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average, 1913 = 100

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average, 1913 = 100.

Table 3.- Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1920-1926.

City	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Montreal	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774	7,330,178	8,263,498
Toronto	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813	12,922,551
Winnipeg	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050	5,435,450
Vancouver	7,756,825	4,859,543	4,137,261	2,250,159	2,012,431	1,660,382	1,485,068
Total, 4 largest cities - six months	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423	28,106,567
Total, 4 largest cities - twelve months	-	63,438,784	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051	51,744,488
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year	-	50.1 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.	54.3 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months to 6 months' total for 63 cities	51.5 p.c.	48.2 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	42.6 p.c.	45.5 p.c.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR JULY, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1926,
AND JULY, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-26.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a small increase as compared with the preceding month, and a considerable gain over the corresponding month of last year; sixty-three cities issued permits valued at \$18,717,028, compared with \$18,672,238 in June and \$12,812,603 in July, 1925. There was, therefore, an increase of 0.2 p.c. in the former and of 46.1 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison. This is the first time in the record of the 63 cities, which covers the last seven years, that the July total has exceeded that for June. The aggregate was also higher than in July of any other year since 1920, being 18.9 p.c. greater than the previous high level of \$15,740,810 in 1922.

Some 45 cities reported that they had issued over 1,500 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$7,000,000 and nearly 2,700 permits for other buildings at a proposed cost of approximately \$7,000,000. An engineering project estimated at over \$4,000,000 was also authorized by Vancouver. In June, authority was granted for the erection of over 1,800 dwellings and 3,100 other buildings valued at \$8,000,000 and \$9,800,000 respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued in July as compared with June, that of \$2,452,755 or 73.8 p.c. in the last named being most pronounced. The remaining provinces registered declines, of which that of \$1,667,132 or 31.1 p.c. in Quebec was largest.

As compared with July, 1925, all provinces except Quebec reported higher totals of permits issued, the greatest gain being in British Columbia, where authorizations were \$4,531,383 or 363.4 p.c. higher.

Montreal and Toronto recorded reductions in the value of projected building, as compared with June, 1926, and July, 1925; Winnipeg showed a loss in the former and an increase in the latter, while Vancouver registered gains in both comparisons. Halifax, Moncton, Belleville, Chatham, Fort William, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Ford City, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops, South Vancouver and Victoria also reported higher building authorizations than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1926

The following table shows the value of building authorized by 63 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920. The January-July average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in those years is also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months
	In July	In first seven months	
1926	\$18,717,028	\$97,337,390	150.2
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	154.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	163.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	166.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	161.5
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	194.5
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	215.3

The January-July aggregate this year was greater by 23.7 p.c. than in 1925, by 11.9 p.c. than in 1922, when building authorizations were at their highest since pre-war days, and 45.9 p.c. larger than in 1921, the year in which building was at its lowest ebb since the close of the war. Further, building costs, as represented by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, were lower than in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 shows the value of the building permits issued in 63 cities during June and July, 1926, and July, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are worked thus:

Table 1. - Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by
63 Cities

Cities	July 1926	June 1926	July 1925
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	17,000	4,000
Nova Scotia	81,770	48,430	41,286
x Halifax	76,895	41,335	36,220
New Glasgow	475	2,345	1,191
x Sydney	4,400	1,750	3,875
New Brunswick	95,065	70,025	28,775
Fredericton	4,800	7,660	2,800
x Moncton	75,265	45,665	16,975
x Saint John	14,400	16,700	9,000
Quebec	2,831,615	4,498,747	4,721,433
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,870,250	2,461,587	2,951,009
x Quebec	544,730	1,518,660	1,000,149
Shawinigan Falls	14,210	23,785	11,975
x Sherbrooke	101,600	88,800	500,000
x Three Rivers	65,050	154,490	21,400
x Westmount	236,275	251,425	236,900
Ontario	8,098,166	7,995,757	5,801,256
Bellefleur	21,225	10,225	17,130
x Brantford	14,358	14,470	18,678
Chatham	315,250	20,595	10,215
x Fort William	158,000	62,710	57,140
Galt	7,768	7,501	7,490
Guelph	44,780	77,820	30,200
x Hamilton	248,350	431,500	229,700
x Kingston	23,555	202,691	27,630
Kitchener	121,945	135,092	162,408
x London	1,246,655	248,870	308,155
Niagara Falls	80,275	262,232	101,375
Oshawa	337,830	103,205	45,945
x Ottawa	447,030	383,663	418,220
Owen Sound	52,800	34,500	14,660
x Peterborough	44,135	23,033	36,751
x Port Arthur	60,195	488,355	30,215
x Stratford	156,920	78,674	37,080
x St. Catharines	28,378	97,446	112,500
x St. Thomas	7,530	13,240	15,085
Sarnia	78,384	61,530	20,885
x Sault Ste. Marie	38,815	24,775	27,105
Toronto	2,265,040	2,407,549	2,681,772
York & East York Tps.	706,230	758,570	679,390
Welland	14,975	107,395	14,180
x Windsor	787,242	1,187,661	396,600
Ford	337,513	217,750	73,280
Riverside	77,400	68,250	37,200
Sandwich	182,675	253,825	98,135
Walkerville	185,000	196,000	85,000
Woodstock	7,913	17,100	7,132
Manitoba	832,960	1,125,695	515,112
x Brandon	16,400	7,750	6,936
St. Boniface	59,910	48,595	62,176
x Winnipeg	746,650	1,069,350	446,000
Saskatchewan	517,960	723,510	169,800
x Moose Jaw	54,790	18,735	11,030
x Regina	202,020	784,570	84,200
x Saskatoon	261,150	385,205	74,570
Alberta	481,078	802,415	283,910
x Calgary	117,330	629,330	114,825
x Edmonton	316,350	155,540	138,025
Lethbridge	45,298	47,295	22,880
Medicine Hat	1,600	2,450	8,780
British Columbia	5,778,414	3,325,659	1,247,031
Kamloops	26,775	1,659	2,400
Nanaimo	6,030	6,556	140,950
x New Westminster	101,980	100,393	111,860
Prince Rupert	11,575	12,600	37,325
x Victoria	4,844,025	2,179,525	470,480
Point Grey	522,650	703,000	363,500
North Vancouver	100,250	177,055	15,215
South Vancouver	116,700	307,400	78,695
x Victoria	43,420	72,480	25,606
Total - 63 Cities	18,717,028	18,672,238	12,812,603
x Total - 35 Cities	15,352,701	15,396,894	10,821,194

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1926
AND AUGUST, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-26.

There was a seasonal decline of 36.6 p.c. in the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August as compared with July, but in the more significant comparison with August of last year there was an increase of 24.9 p.c. The aggregate for the month under review was \$11,874,552, while in the preceding month it was \$18,717,028 and in the corresponding month of 1925 it was \$9,511,008.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 1,250 permits for dwellings valued at practically \$5,000,000 and over 2,500 permits for other buildings estimated to cost almost \$6,500,000. In July, permits were issued for over 1,500 dwellings and nearly 2,700 other buildings valued at approximately \$7,000,000 in both cases. Authority was also given for an engineering project estimated to cost over \$4,000,000.

Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with July; in the latter, the total of \$2,053,020 reported by the three co-operating cities, was \$1,535,060, or 296.4 p.c., higher than in the preceding month. Of the declines elsewhere, those of \$4,266,434 or 73.8 p.c. in British Columbia and \$2,945,409, or 36.4 p.c. in Ontario, were greatest.

As compared with August, 1925, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec reported increases in the value of the building authorized. Saskatchewan reported the largest gain of \$1,850,725.

Montreal and Toronto registered declines in the permits issued as compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and increases in the latter comparison. St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Fort William, Galt, Peterborough, Riverside, St. Catharines, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, South Vancouver, and Victoria reported higher totals of building authorized than in either July, 1926, or August, 1925.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1926

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1910. The January-August average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in those years is also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of build- ing materials in first eight months
	In August	In first eight months	
1926	\$11,874,552	\$109,211,942	150.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	162.6
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	166.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	161.8
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	192.1
1920	10,805,846	86,503,601	214.6

The January-August aggregate this year was greater by 23.8 p.c. than in 1925; it was also 3.8 p.c. higher than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 40.6 p.c. above the 1921 low mark. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were, at the same time, lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated By Building Permits Issued by 63 cities			
Cities	August, 1926	July, 1926	August, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	12,000	Nil	2,800
Nova Scotia	36,115	81,770	90,242
x Halifax	28,270	76,895	77,847
New Glasgow	1,730	475	3,720
x Sydney	6,115	4,400	8,675
New Brunswick	84,300	95,065	20,790
Fredericton	Nil	4,800	4,800
x Moncton	17,000	75,865	15,990
x Saint John	67,300	14,400	Nil
Quebec	2,030,756	2,831,615	2,396,680
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,578,081	1,870,250	1,681,085
x Quebec	155,010	544,830	241,980
Shawinigan Falls	54,210	14,210	25,925
x Sherbrooke	20,500	101,100	93,100
x Three Rivers	89,880	65,050	24,090
x Westmount	133,075	236,275	330,500
Ontario	5,152,757	8,098,166	4,875,180
Belleville	11,600	21,225	5,750
x Brantford	14,820	14,358	26,980
Chatham	10,100	315,250	13,200
x Fort William	336,480	158,000	43,925
Galt	9,200	7,768	2,695
x Guelph	17,960	44,780	38,985
x Hamilton	194,700	248,350	258,450
x Kingston	23,589	23,555	51,774
x Kitchener	110,830	121,945	86,186
x London	151,900	1,246,655	293,100
Niagara Falls	88,330	80,275	184,375
Oshawa	120,320	337,830	118,885
x Ottawa	161,625	447,030	221,845
Owen Sound	8,200	52,800	5,000
x Peterborough	53,395	44,135	23,825
x Port Arthur	45,743	60,195	24,352
x Stratford	36,680	156,920	36,226
x St. Catharines	62,325	28,378	46,485
x St. Thomas	13,810	7,530	15,145
Sarnia	40,843	78,384	76,110
Sault Ste. Marie	16,490	38,815	38,370
x Toronto	1,797,573	2,265,040	1,936,325
York and East York Townships	498,075	706,230	509,115
Welland	20,700	14,985	6,825
x Windsor	616,825	787,242	454,695
Ford	186,850	337,513	114,925
Riverside	272,850	77,400	54,600
Sandwich	124,300	182,675	65,550
Walkerville	90,000	185,000	109,000
Woodstock	16,644	7,913	12,482
Manitoba	618,454	832,960	438,030
x Brandon	45,829	16,400	9,510
St. Boniface	60,825	69,910	47,920
x Winnipeg	511,800	746,650	380,600
Saskatchewan	2,053,020	517,960	202,295
x Moose Jaw	16,400	54,790	35,260
x Regina	1,811,350	202,020	94,200
x Saskatoon	225,270	261,150	72,835
Alberta	375,170	481,078	263,810
x Calgary	133,385	117,830	73,325
x Edmonton	232,495	316,350	182,445
Lothbridge	9,240	45,298	8,030
Medicine Hat	50	1,600	10
British Columbia	1,511,980	5,778,414	1,221,181
Kamloops	14,570	26,775	33,195
Nanaimo	1,925	6,030	22,075
x New Westminster	51,675	101,980	102,820
Prince Rupert	7,600	11,575	16,750
x Vancouver	685,530	4,844,025	529,755
Point Grey	503,400	522,650	341,900
North Vancouver	27,150	100,251	15,020
South Vancouver	139,900	116,700	108,000
x Victoria	70,230	48,428	51,660
Total - 63 cities	11,874,552	18,717,028	9,511,008
Total - 35 cities	9,527,450	15,352,701	7,563,982

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**BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1926,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-26.**

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during September showed a seasonal reduction of 7.1 p.c. as compared with August, but in the more significant comparison with September of last year there was an increase of 8.8 p.c. The total for the month under review was \$11,036,359, while in the preceding month building valued at \$11,874,552 was authorized, and in the corresponding month in 1925, the aggregate was \$10,140,853.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,400,000 and more than 2,900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$5,600,000. During August, permits were issued for almost 1,250 dwellings and over 2,500 other buildings, estimated to cost \$5,000,000 and \$6,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases in the value of the permits issued during September as compared with August, that of \$517,953, or 25.5 p.c. in Quebec being the largest absolute gain. Of the losses elsewhere, that of \$1,478,119 or 72.0 p.c. in Saskatchewan was the most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1925, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of building authorized; Ontario reported the greatest absolute gain, of \$910,543 or 20.3 p.c., but there was a larger proportionate increase, of \$292,412 or 867.2 p.c., in Nova Scotia. The remaining provinces recorded reductions, that in Quebec of \$261,820 or 9.3 p.c. being most marked.

Montreal showed an increase in the value of the building permits issued as compared with August, but a decline as compared with September, 1925. In Toronto and Vancouver there were gains in both comparisons, while Winnipeg registered losses as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year. Halifax, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Brantford, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste Marie, Welland, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and South Vancouver reported gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1926.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during September and in the first nine months of each year since 1920. The January-September average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of Wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months.
	In September	In First Nine Months	
1926	\$ 11,036,359	\$ 120,248,301	149.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	154.0
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	161.5
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	166.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	161.9
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	189.3
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	215.1

The total for the first nine months of this year was 22.2 p.c. higher than in 1925; it was also 3.0 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 35.8 p.c. above the 1921 low mark. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials have averaged lower during 1926 than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by
63 Cities.

Cities	September 1926	August 1926	September 1925
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,000
Nova Scotia	326,130	36,115	33,718
x Halifax	323,955	28,270	30,170
New Glasgow	675	1,730	1,120
x Sydney	1,500	6,115	2,428
New Brunswick	40,405	84,300	121,505
Fredericton	1,300	Nil	2,000
x Moncton	10,205	17,000	104,005
x Saint John	26,000	67,300	15,500
Quebec	2,518,709	2,030,756	2,810,529
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,803,400	1,578,081	2,106,910
x Quebec	238,614	155,010	328,994
Shamunigan Falls	66,705	54,210	11,300
x Sherbrooke	34,500	20,500	102,600
x Three Rivers	58,015	89,830	113,725
x Westmount	150,475	133,075	147,000
Ontario	5,389,584	5,152,757	4,479,041
Bellefille	4,700	11,600	16,700
x Brantford	46,005	14,820	8,362
Chatham	4,650	10,100	26,505
x Port William	118,330	336,480	41,820
Galt	9,660	9,200	2,840
x Guelph	51,481	17,960	44,698
x Hamilton	196,500	194,700	191,900
x Kingston	23,878	23,589	53,171
x Kitchener	100,772	110,830	104,654
x London	118,100	151,900	152,635
Niagara Falls	105,470	88,330	66,995
Oshawa	160,560	120,320	64,700
x Ottawa	305,600	161,625	309,075
Owen Sound	5,015	8,200	3,400
x Peterborough	14,360	53,395	24,760
x Port Arthur	23,308	45,743	56,370
x Stratford	56,029	36,680	18,730
x St. Catharines	80,888	62,325	34,975
x St. Thomas	6,905	13,810	14,025
Sarnia	52,800	40,843	57,100
Sault Ste Marie	20,298	16,490	17,415
x Toronto	2,539,075	1,797,573	1,856,635
York and East York Townships	414,275	498,075	455,965
Welland	25,190	20,700	11,335
Windsor	462,978	616,825	386,297
Ford	157,850	186,850	175,600
Riverside	45,630	272,850	121,700
Sandwich	101,500	124,300	95,700
Walkerville	78,000	90,000	58,000
Woodstock	10,177	16,644	6,870
Manitoba	456,060	618,454	547,495
x Brandon	1,960	45,829	60
St. Boniface	18,700	60,825	56,730
x Winnipeg	435,400	511,800	490,700
Saskatchewan	574,901	2,053,020	234,740
x Moose Jaw	75,250	16,400	7,075
x Regina	255,590	1,811,350	144,895
x Saskatoon	244,061	225,270	82,770
Alberta	191,525	375,170	390,260
x Calgary	105,485	133,385	118,295
x Edmonton	75,155	232,495	247,510
Lethbridge	10,885	9,240	24,405
Medicine Hat	Nil	50	50
British Columbia	1,509,045	1,511,980	1,519,570
Kamloops	50,860	14,570	5,572
Nanaimo	4,100	1,925	800
x New Westminster	97,301	51,675	33,265
Prince Rupert	11,150	7,600	19,450
x Vancouver	746,832	695,530	674,055
Point Grey	411,450	503,400	546,900
North Vancouver	18,052	27,150	37,792
South Vancouver	144,700	139,900	137,675
x Victoria	24,600	70,230	64,061
Total - 63 Cities	11,036,359	11,874,552	10,140,853
x Total - 35 Cities	9,102,107	9,527,450	8,112,125

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1926, AND OCTOBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-26.

The building permits issued by 63 cities during October were valued at \$14,614,543, as compared with \$11,036,359 in the preceding month and \$11,312,644 in October, 1925. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,578,184 or 32.4 p.c. in the first and of \$3,301,899 or 29.2 p.c. in the second comparison. The total for the month under review was higher than in October of any other year since the record was begun in 1920, while the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in 1926 have been lower than in any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued more than 1,300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$6,500,000 and nearly 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost almost \$7,700,000. During September, the construction of about 1,200 dwellings and over 2,900 other buildings was authorized, at an estimated cost of nearly \$5,400,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively.

As compared with September, 1926, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta registered increases in the value of building authorized, that in the first named of \$2,527,632 or 99.2% being the largest. Nova Scotia recorded the most pronounced reduction, of \$202,659 or 62.1 p.c.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed advances in the building permits issued as compared with October, 1925, that in Ontario of \$2,085,647 or 43.7 p.c. being the greatest. In New Brunswick and British Columbia there were declines of 51.0 p.c. and 32.2 p.c. respectively.

Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both September, 1926, and October, 1925. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Chatham, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Point Grey and North Vancouver registered increases in both cases.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1926

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920. The January - October average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months.
	In October	In first Ten months	
1926	\$14,614,543	\$134,862,844	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	160.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	166.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	162.0
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	187.0
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	215.5

The total for the elapsed months of 1926 was 23.0 p.c. higher than in the January - October period in 1925; it was also 5.8 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 36.1 p.c. above the total for the first ten months of 1921, when building was at its lowest level in the post-war period. The cost of building, as indicated by the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, this year has averaged lower than in any other year of the same period.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	October, 1926	September, 1926	October, 1925
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	123,471	326,130	22,183
New Glasgow	103,786	323,955	16,945
x Sydney	435	675	Nil
New Brunswick	19,250	1,500	5,238
Fredericton	22,000	40,405	44,905
x Moncton	Nil	1,200	3,600
x St. John	7,050	13,205	805
Quebec	14,950	26,000	40,500
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	5,076,341	2,548,709	3,739,782
x Quebec	4,364,120	2,002,400	2,988,941
Shawinigan Falls	317,071	236,614	176,741
x Sherbrooke	33,600	66,705	148,100
x Three Rivers	82,700	34,500	57,700
x Westmount	137,550	58,015	51,150
Ontario	141,300	150,475	317,150
Bellefonte	6,862,734	5,389,584	4,777,087
x Brantford	11,575	4,700	11,925
Chatham	29,046	46,005	13,615
x Fort William	9,025	4,650	4,200
Galt	31,800	118,330	47,915
x Guelph	8,818	9,660	7,281
x Hamilton	16,180	51,481	18,580
x Kingston	268,500	196,500	183,550
x Kitchener	36,251	23,878	19,831
x London	85,248	100,372	123,164
Niagara Falls	128,500	118,100	189,235
Oshawa	108,660	105,470	106,045
x Ottawa	112,300	160,560	22,465
Owen Sound	359,305	305,600	305,498
x Peterborough	13,100	5,015	1,000
x Port Arthur	74,394	14,360	31,300
x Stratford	79,652	23,308	7,365
x St. Catharines	6,795	56,029	33,190
x St. Thomas	95,428	80,888	57,585
Sarnia	3,865	6,905	8,570
Sault Ste. Marie	64,680	52,800	62,345
x Toronto	29,333	20,298	14,065
York and East York Townships	3,832,558	2,589,075	2,051,735
Welland	600,790	414,275	690,850
x Windsor	29,190	25,190	16,635
Ford	439,450	462,978	303,707
Riverside	92,100	157,850	107,065
Sandwich	18,050	45,630	21,500
Walkerville	119,500	101,500	169,675
Woodstock	120,000	78,000	136,000
Manitoba	38,641	10,177	11,196
x Brandon	450,510	456,060	297,391
St. Boniface	8,200	1,960	2,521
x Winnipeg	35,810	18,700	95,070
Saskatchewan	406,500	435,400	199,800
x Moose Jaw	379,468	574,901	224,985
x Regina	5,886	75,250	6,820
x Saskatoon	184,127	255,590	76,445
Alberta	189,455	244,061	141,720
x Calgary	332,620	191,525	188,685
x Edmonton	174,910	105,485	88,885
Lethbridge	130,260	75,155	95,800
Medicine Hat	27,450	10,885	335
British Columbia	Nil	Nil	3,665
Kamloops	1,367,399	1,509,045	2,017,626
Nanaimo	Nil	50,860	22,275
x New Westminster	4,550	4,100	2,200
Prince Rupert	63,790	97,301	47,525
x Vancouver	32,800	11,150	875,125
Point Grey	641,035	746,832	605,430
North Vancouver	463,350	411,450	339,700
South Vancouver	36,838	18,052	18,125
x Victoria	84,250	144,700	66,275
	40,786	24,600	40,971
Total - 63 Cities	14,614,543	11,036,359	11,312,644
Total - 35 Cities	12,519,698	9,102,107	8,355,927

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1926, AND NOVEMBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-26.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during November as compared with October, but the total was considerably higher than in the corresponding month of 1925. Sixty-three cities authorized building valued at \$9,968,937, as compared with \$14,614,543 in the preceding month and \$7,988,765 in November of last year. The decrease in the first comparison was \$4,645,606 or 31.8 p.c., while the increase in the latter, more significant comparison totalled \$1,980,162 or 24.8 p.c.

Some fifty cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,000 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,300,000, and more than 2,000 other buildings valued at approximately \$4,200,000. In October, the construction of about 1,300 dwellings and nearly 2,900 other buildings was authorized at the estimated cost of approximately \$6,500,000 and \$7,700,000, respectively.

There were reductions in all provinces as compared with October, 1926, those of \$2,066,077 or 40.7 p.c. in Quebec and \$1,504,542 or 21.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Increases were recorded in all provinces as compared with November, 1925, Ontario reporting the greatest gain of \$1,381,927, or 34.8 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed losses as compared with the preceding month, but increases over November of last year. In Westmount, Brantford, Chatham, Fort William, London, St. Catharines, Lethbridge, Kamloops and South Vancouver, there were gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1926.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920. The January-November average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	: Value of Permits Issued	: Average Indexes of Wholesale
	: In	: Prices of Building Materials
	: November	: In First Eleven Months
1926	\$ 9,968,937	\$ 144,831,781 149.3
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590 153.5
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829 159.8
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365 166.9
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005 162.0
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084 185.0
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268 215.3

The January-November total this year was 23.1 p.c. higher than in the same months of 1925; it was also 4.4 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level, and 30.2 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building was at its lowest level since the end of the war. The cost of building, as indicated by the average of index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, has been lower in 1926 than in any other of the last seven years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during October and November, 1926, and November, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities

Cities	November, 1926	October, 1926	November, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	28,295	123,471	24,715
x Halifax	14,595	103,786	23,825
New Glasgow	100	435	Nil
x Sydney	13,600	19,250	890
New Brunswick	11,705	22,000	4,760
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,850	7,050	2,760
x St. John	9,855	14,950	3,000
Quebec	3,010,264	5,076,341	2,686,945
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,332,789	4,364,120	2,331,420
x Quebec	205,175	317,071	165,210
Shawinigan Falls	8,300	33,600	Nil
x Sherbrooke	33,900	82,700	29,150
x Three Rivers	106,025	137,550	97,365
x Westmount	324,075	141,300	63,800
Ontario	5,358,192	6,862,734	3,976,265
Belleville	7,950	11,575	2,200
x Brantford	47,305	29,046	4,198
Chatham	31,200	9,025	16,278
x Fort William	74,400	31,800	45,725
Galt	925	8,818	700
x Guelph	19,490	16,180	31,410
x Hamilton	217,150	268,500	185,430
x Kingston	9,610	36,251	29,663
x Kitchener	47,032	85,248	103,911
x London	837,585	128,500	159,045
Niagara Falls	97,185	108,660	88,435
Oshawa	80,900	112,300	30,075
x Ottawa	153,990	359,305	92,945
Owen Sound	3,625	13,100	6,060
x Peterborough	25,140	74,394	11,660
x Port Arthur	13,558	79,652	13,334
x Stratford	6,115	6,795	18,945
x St. Catharines	345,265	95,428	64,953
x St. Thomas	1,300	3,865	10,700
Sarnia	51,955	64,600	46,495
St. Mary's	2,793	29,333	10,993
x Toronto	2,258,645	3,832,558	1,776,468
York and East York Townships	395,000	600,790	583,300
Welland	11,515	29,190	8,820
x Windsor	338,775	439,450	423,290
Ford	87,810	92,100	80,975
Riverside	20,700	18,050	39,000
Sandwich	102,300	119,500	29,000
Walkerville	63,000	120,000	59,000
Woodstock	5,974	38,641	3,257
Manitoba	205,140	450,510	194,075
x Brandon	210	8,200	900
St. Boniface	29,930	35,810	31,325
x Winnipeg	175,000	406,500	161,850
Saskatchewan	109,130	379,468	73,150
x Moose Jaw	1,495	5,886	745
x Regina	57,835	184,127	49,440
x Saskatoon	49,800	189,455	22,965
Alberta	217,701	332,620	183,591
x Calgary	110,230	174,910	125,825
x Edmonton	60,435	130,260	49,245
Lethbridge	47,036	27,450	4,935
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	3,586
British Columbia	1,028,510	1,367,399	845,264
x Nanaimo	18,472	Nil	Nil
x New Westminster	Nil	4,550	1,000
Prince Rupert	24,610	63,790	138,113
x Vancouver	10,080	32,800	13,105
Point Grey	408,840	641,035	355,660
North Vancouver	419,300	463,350	233,600
South Vancouver	24,612	36,838	19,300
x Victoria	84,700	84,250	41,250
Victoria	37,896	40,786	43,236
Total - 63 Cities	9,968,937	14,614,543	7,938,765
xTotal - 35 Cities	8,363,575	12,519,698	6,636,076

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1926, AND DECEMBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR YEARS 1920-26.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1926, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, there being authorizations valued at \$11,472,131. This was an increase of 15.1 p.c. over the November total of \$9,968,937 and of 55.8 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$7,363,777 in December, 1925.

Detailed statements were received from some fifty cities, showing that they had issued over 500 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$3,300,000 and nearly 900 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of over 1,000 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost nearly \$5,300,000 and \$4,200,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Quebec registered an increase of \$4,054,818 or 134.7 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$2,096,930 or 39.1 p.c. in Ontario and \$172,990 or 84.3 p.c. in Manitoba were the largest.

As compared with December, 1925, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building authorized, Quebec again showing the most marked gain of \$4,882,070 or 223.6 p.c. The other provinces reported reductions in the value of building authorized, that in Ontario of \$910,650, or 21.8 p.c., being the largest.

Montreal registered an important increase in the building permits issued; the December total was the greatest registered in any month of 1926 and was also larger than in December of any other year since 1910. Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported declines as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with the same month in 1925. Ottawa, Windsor, Kamloops, New Westminster and Prince Rupert recorded increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1926.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during the month of December, 1926, and also in the twelve months of each year since 1920; the 1926 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued In December	In Twelve Months	Average Indexes of Whole- sale Prices of Building Materials
1926	\$ 11,472,131	156,303,912	149.2
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	153.7
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	159.1
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	166.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	162.2
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	183.2
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	214.9

The December total for the 63 cities was the highest in the record, as shown above, while for the 35 cities it was higher than in any other year of the record, except 1912, when the total was \$12,450,215.

Unrevised statistics for 1926 show that the last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the six preceding years, exceeding the previous high level in 1922 by 5.5 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities was exceeded only three times, in 1911, 1912 and 1913, since the record was begun in 1910.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	December, 1926	November, 1926	December, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	18,917	28,295	35,685
x Halifax	8,365	14,595	24,995
New Glasgow	500	100	100
x Sydney	10,052	13,600	10,590
New Brunswick	10,800	11,705	10,500
Fredericton	-	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	3,800	11,850	6,000
x Saint John	7,000	9,855	4,500
Quebec	7,065,082	3,010,264	2,183,012
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	6,890,170	2,332,789	2,021,000
x Quebec	47,522	205,175	26,890
Shawinigan Falls	1,300	8,300	925
x Sherbrooke	2,350	33,900	69,300
x Three Rivers	82,765	106,025	16,585
x Westmount	40,975	324,075	48,312
Ontario	3,261,262	5,358,192	4,171,912
Belleville	4,700	7,950	31,200
x Brantford	11,700	47,305	10,360
Chatham	4,450	31,200	38,700
x Fort William	26,205	74,400	28,350
Galt	565	925	4,818
x Guelph	2,260	19,490	8,505
x Hamilton	186,100	217,150	110,150
x Kingston	810	9,610	116,250
x Kitchener	60,263	47,032	106,000
x London	114,415	837,585	320,260
Niagara Falls	21,608	97,185	42,375
Oshawa	29,180	80,900	4,735
x Ottawa	604,080	153,990	61,100
Owen Sound	5,200	3,625	Nil
x Peterborough	18,315	25,140	6,725
x Port Arthur	1,740	13,558	2,611
x Stratford	765	6,115	560
x St. Catharines	21,970	345,265	17,205
x St. Thomas	2,200	1,300	1,075
Sarnia	17,825	51,955	74,445
Sault Ste. Marie	1,435	2,793	1,275
x Toronto	1,240,785	2,258,645	2,495,628
York and East York Townships	143,225	395,000	385,625
Welland	1,365	11,515	7,635
x Windsor	611,255	338,775	164,775
Ford	59,000	87,810	37,050
Riverside	27,400	20,700	38,500
Sandwich	26,700	102,300	36,000
Walkerville	15,000	63,000	20,000
Woodstock	746	5,974	Nil
Manitoba	32,150	205,140	73,000
x Brandon	8,425	210	500
St. Boniface	6,175	29,930	7,700
x Winnipeg	17,550	175,000	64,800
Saskatchewan	10,400	109,130	119,655
x Moose Jaw	600	1,495	2,060
x Regina	2,800	57,835	67,000
x Saskatoon	7,000	49,800	50,595
Alberta	87,850	217,701	43,450
x Calgary	39,900	110,230	32,070
x Edmonton	38,950	60,435	5,235
Lethbridge	Nil	47,036	5,945
Medicine Hat	9,000	Nil	200
British Columbia	985,670	1,028,510	726,563
Kamloops	42,594	18,472	1,575
Nanaimo	2,960	Nil	3,286
x New Westminster	38,425	24,610	30,925
Prince Rupert	22,340	10,080	14,650
x Vancouver	408,175	408,840	429,452
Point Grey	371,700	419,300	148,900
North Vancouver	16,001	24,612	20,450
South Vancouver	70,320	84,700	43,740
x Victoria	13,155	37,896	33,585
Total - 63 Cities	11,472,131	9,968,937	7,363,777
Total - 35 Cities	10,570,842	8,363,575	6,393,948

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1926, AND JANUARY, 1926.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the aggregate was higher than in January, 1926. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$5,429,299, as compared with \$11,508,818 in December, 1926, and \$4,719,534 in the corresponding month of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 52.8 p.c. in the former, and an increase of 15.0 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had granted almost 500 permits for dwellings valued at \$1,980,000 and nearly 950 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,150,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 500 dwellings and 900 other buildings estimated at approximately \$3,300,000 and \$7,000,000 respectively.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with December; British Columbia, with an advance of \$850,354, or 85.7 p.c., showed the greatest absolute increase, but this was exceeded by the proportionate gain of \$22,705, or 218.3 p.c., in Saskatchewan. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$6,144,252, or 87.0 p.c., in Quebec was most pronounced, representing reaction from the exceptionally high December total.

As compared with January, 1926, there were increases in all provinces except Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba. The most marked advance was in Ontario - \$403,977, or 20 p.c. Alberta, however, registered a larger proportional gain, of 89.8 p.c. The greatest loss was in New Brunswick, of \$101,500, or 95.0 p.c.

In Toronto and Vancouver, there were increases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year. Montreal showed a decrease in the former and an increase in the latter comparison, while in Winnipeg the January total exceeded that for December, but was less than in January, 1926. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sherbrooke, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Welland, Riverside, Walkerville, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver.

The value of the permits issued by 63 cities in January of the years 1920-27 is shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>
1927	\$5,429,299
1926	4,719,534
1925	5,447,270
1924	4,460,579
1923	4,139,498
1922	3,326,537
1921	2,595,564
1920	4,017,024

The 1927 figure for January is thus shown to have been exceeded only ~~once~~ in the eight year's record, the total for January 1925, being higher, but only by \$17,971 or 0.3 p.c.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in January, 1927, and December and January, 1926. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	January 1927	December 1926	January 1926
Prince Edward Island -Charlottetown	\$ nil	\$ nil	\$ nil
Nova Scotia			
X Halifax	6,989	18,917	14,230
New Glasgow	4,350	8,365	10,130
x Sydney	nil	500	1,000
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	2,639	10,052	3,100
x Moncton	5,360	10,800	106,860
x Saint John	nil	nil	nil
Quebec			
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	5,360	3,800	1,100
x Quebec	920,830	7,000	105,760
x Shawinigan Falls	839,305	7,065,082	912,266
x Sherbrooke	39,350	6,890,170	548,510
x Three Rivers	1,075	47,522	15,976
x Westmount	17,700	1,300	7,600
Ontario			
Belleville	8,400	2,350	5,600
x Brantford	15,000	82,765	27,880
Chatham	2,419,134	40,975	306,700
x Fort William	3,700	3,291,282	2,015,157
Galt	3,150	4,700	1,350
x Guelph	23,175	11,700	940
x Hamilton	4,000	34,450	10,000
x Kingston	5,365	26,205	10,100
x Kitchener	26,975	565	3,800
x London	139,000	2,260	400
Niagara Falls	5,325	186,100	91,600
Oshawa	7,986	810	360
x Ottawa	31,650	60,263	33,035
Owen Sound	63,915	114,415	33,640
x Peterborough	12,665	21,608	76,575
Port Arthur	59,300	29,179	16,800
x Stratford	nil	604,080	24,800
St. Catharines	16,835	5,200	nil
x St. Thomas	101,708	18,315	12,500
Sarnia	450	1,740	2,920
Sault Ste. Marie	29,925	765	355
x Toronto	340	21,970	6,760
York and East York Townships	11,530	2,220	5,150
Welland	nil	17,825	28,927
x Windsor	1,437,480	1,435	6,845
Ford	146,215	1,240,785	1,115,630
Riverside	6,750	143,225	195,950
Sandwich	116,440	1,365	880
Walkerville	34,500	611,255	233,950
Woodstock	37,800	59,000	19,435
Manitoba			
x Brandon	47,500	26,700	53,750
St. Boniface	40,000	15,000	25,000
x Winnipeg	6,455	746	1,705
Saskatchewan			
x Moose Jaw	55,965	32,150	115,550
x Regina	nil	8,425	800
x Saskatoon	4,315	6,175	37,500
Alberta			
x Calgary	51,650	17,550	77,250
x Edmonton	33,105	10,400	21,410
Lethbridge	3,250	600	950
Medicine Hat	23,155	2,800	9,200
British Columbia			
Kamloops	6,700	7,000	11,260
Nanaimo	145,225	87,850	76,500
x New Westminster	101,421	39,900	55,050
Prince Rupert	35,950	38,950	18,150
x Vancouver	7,854	nil	3,165
Point Gray	nil	9,000	135
North Vancouver	1,842,691	992,337	1,457,561
South Vancouver	3,000	42,594	1,950
Victoria	141,600	2,960	5,000
Total - 63 Cities	52,375	38,425	42,050
Total - 35 Cities	5,850	22,340	15,805
	1,258,545	408,175	981,545
	264,540	371,700	270,800
	19,995	16,001	17,380
	82,700	70,320	86,850
	14,086	19,822	36,181
Total - 63 Cities	5,429,299	11,508,818	4,719,534
Total - 35 Cities	4,459,800	10,577,529	3,829,332

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY,
1927, AND FEBRUARY, 1926.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,349,253 or 43.3 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$639,003 or 9.0 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$7,778,552 during the month under review, as compared with \$5,429,299 in January, 1927, and \$7,139,549 in the corresponding month of 1926. The February total was the highest for that month in the record for the 63 cities, which goes back to 1920. Building costs, however, were lower in 1927 than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 750 permits for dwellings, valued at more than \$3,300,000, and nearly 1,100 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$4,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 500 dwellings and 950 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,980,000 and \$3,150,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of permits issued as compared with January, 1927, while in Alberta and British Columbia there were comparatively small declines. The largest gain, of \$1,971,946 or 81.5 p.c., took place in Ontario.

As compared with February, 1926, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, that of \$2,322,415 or 112.3 p.c. in Ontario being especially noteworthy. Quebec reported the greatest decline, of \$1,615,410, or 52.0 p.c.

Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1927, but a decrease as compared with February of last year. In Toronto and Vancouver, on the other hand, there was a falling off as compared with the preceding month, but a gain over the same month in 1926. In Winnipeg, the aggregate was higher than in either January, 1927, or February, 1926. Among the smaller cities there were increases in both comparisons in Halifax, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls; Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Windsor, Ford, Sandwich, Walkerville, Moose Jaw, Calgary, New Westminster, Point Grey and North and South Vancouver.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1927

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during February and in the first two months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months
	In February	In First Two Months	
1927	\$7,778,552	\$13,207,831	147.3
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	152.7
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	153.5
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	167.5
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	164.3
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	161.6
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	209.7
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	205.2

The aggregate for the first two months of this year was thus greater by \$1,348,768, or 11.4 p.c., than in 1926, the previous high level of the record. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.
February, 1927 January, 1927 February, 1926

	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	20,382	6,989	20,235
New Glasgow	20,382	4,350	18,225
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	10
New Brunswick	Nil	2,639	2,000
Fredericton	18,620	5,360	125
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x St. John	15,460	Nil	125
Quebec	3,160	5,360	Nil
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	1,488,360	920,830	3,103,770
x Quebec	1,349,435	839,305	2,900,470
Shawinigan Falls	32,350	39,350	30,975
x Sherbrooke	3,575	1,075	Nil
x Three Rivers	4,750	17,700	8,000
x Westmount	36,550	8,400	72,325
Ontario	61,700	15,000	92,000
Belleville	4,391,080	2,419,134	2,068,665
x Brantford	1,200	3,700	5,200
Chatham	49,275	3,150	15,600
x Fort William	5,000	22,175	11,500
Galt	539,000	4,000	9,600
x Guelph	15,225	5,365	660
x Hamilton	40,245	26,975	3,500
x Kingston	99,150	139,000	118,950
x Kitchener	28,310	5,325	10,955
x London	79,674	7,986	22,380
Niagara Falls	41,180	31,650	16,255
Oshawa	136,150	63,915	124,300
x Ottawa	94,900	12,665	12,250
Owen Sound	88,950	59,300	24,540
x Peterborough	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	700	16,835	1,395
x Stratford	76,865	101,708	48,455
x St. Catharines	3,415	450	1,630
x St. Thomas	45,030	29,925	1,200
Sarnia	820	340	1,140
Sault Ste. Marie	11,730	11,530	18,955
x Toronto	166,400	Nil	1,455
York and East York Townships	1,226,350	1,437,480	1,133,910
Welland	390,000	146,215	217,050
x Windsor	5,640	6,750	5,350
Ford	634,110	116,440	164,870
Riverside	82,860	34,500	24,800
Sandwich	8,800	37,800	13,000
Walkerville	60,950	47,500	32,400
Woodstock	457,000	40,000	25,000
Manitoba	2,151	6,455	2,365
x Brandon	98,400	55,965	98,850
St. Boniface	Nil	Nil	1,700
x Winnipeg	2,500	4,315	12,000
Saskatchewan	95,900	51,650	85,150
x Moose Jaw	45,625	33,105	215,815
x Regina	4,100	3,250	3,800
x Saskatoon	38,375	23,155	204,725
Alberta	3,150	6,700	7,290
x Calgary	135,330	145,225	120,483
x Edmonton	104,700	101,421	71,373
Lethbridge	30,190	35,950	37,450
Medicine Hat	440	7,854	11,660
British Columbia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kamloops	1,580,755	1,842,691	1,511,606
Nanaimo	Nil	3,000	1,525
x New Westminster	100	141,600	7,600
Prince Rupert	74,210	52,375	47,800
x Vancouver	4,175	5,850	25,500
Point Grey	827,810	1,258,545	792,485
North Vancouver	478,700	264,540	458,900
South Vancouver	43,095	19,995	30,505
x Victoria	118,450	82,700	85,320
Total - 63 Cities	34,215	14,086	61,971
x Total - 35 Cities	7,778,552	5,429,299	7,139,549
	5,629,511	4,459,300	6,012,244

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1927, AND
MARCH, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER 1920-1927.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during March was \$11,641,427; this was an increase of \$3,862,875, or 49.7 p.c. over the February total of \$7,778,552, and of \$1,006,936, or 9.5 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$10,634,491 reported for the corresponding month in 1926. The March, 1927, total was the highest for that month in the record of the 63 cities. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, continued to be considerably lower than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 1,300 permits for dwellings valued in excess of \$5,400,000 and for some 2,500 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,600,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 750 dwellings and nearly 1,100 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$3,300,000 and \$4,000,000, respectively.

All provinces reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest absolute gain was that of \$1,652,881 or 37.6 p.c. in Ontario, but larger proportionate increases were shown in the other provinces.

As compared with March, 1926, New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta recorded decreases, that of \$243,227, or 52.9 p.c., in the last named being most pronounced. There were increases in the remaining provinces, Ontario again showing the greatest gain of \$1,167,236 or 23.9 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a decline as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with March of last year. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, on the other hand, there were increases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, Moncton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Welland, Windsor, Ford, Riverside, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, New Westminster, Point Grey and Victoria reported higher totals than in either February, 1927, or March, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during March and in the first three months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first three months
	In March	In First Three Months	
1927	\$11,641,427	\$24,849,278	147.3
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	152.3
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	153.8
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	167.3
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	164.9
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	161.1
1921	7,290,569	13,569,512	207.8
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	208.1

The aggregate for the first three months of this year was thus greater by \$2,355,704 or 10.5 p.c. than in 1926, the previous high level of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during March and February, 1927, and March, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Table 1.-Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	March, 1927	February, 1927	March, 1926
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	37,739	20,382	34,245
x Halifax	32,117	20,382	23,895
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	5,622	Nil	10,350
New Brunswick	112,010	18,620	114,110
Fredericton	-	Nil	14,400
x Moncton	85,020	15,460	1,000
x St. John	26,990	3,160	98,710
Quebec	2,212,146	1,488,360	2,408,355
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,218,720	1,349,435	2,048,365
x Quebec	510,206	32,350	131,675
Shawinigan Falls	23,765	3,575	5,875
x Sherbrooke	27,705	4,750	10,900
x Three Rivers	271,825	36,550	67,690
x Westmount	159,925	61,700	143,850
Ontario	6,043,961	4,391,080	4,876,725
Belleville	2,650	1,200	10,000
x Brantford	33,895	49,275	7,860
Chatham	35,600	5,000	37,550
x Fort William	24,960	539,000	223,725
Galt	28,840	15,225	63,910
x Guelph	54,981	40,245	53,390
x Hamilton	377,500	99,150	329,750
x Kingston	24,734	28,310	9,420
x Kitchener	39,649	79,674	54,145
x London	224,755	41,180	60,215
Niagara Falls	197,038	136,150	228,570
Oshawa	225,150	94,900	15,385
x Ottawa	244,275	88,950	77,425
Owen Sound	22,075	Nil	3,500
x Peterborough	9,310	700	10,560
x Port Arthur	42,380	76,865	13,250
x Stratford	15,555	3,415	11,665
x St. Catharines	82,284	45,030	23,282
x St. Thomas	6,540	820	18,600
Sarnia	96,292	11,730	52,350
Sault Ste. Marie	40,750	166,400	9,455
x Toronto	2,261,313	1,226,350	2,154,620
York and East York Townships	508,050	380,000	586,500
Welland	98,455	5,640	13,725
x Windsor	822,315	634,110	535,820
Ford	85,115	82,860	53,500
Riverside	74,625	8,800	13,500
Sandwich	115,515	60,950	127,650
Walkerville	222,000	457,000	73,000
Woodstock	27,360	2,151	4,403
Manitoba	598,270	98,400	576,066
x Brandon	25,800	Nil	30,960
St. Boniface	25,420	2,500	20,906
x Winnipeg	547,050	95,900	524,200
Saskatchewan	281,305	45,625	182,164
x Moose Jaw	9,445	4,100	39,775
x Regina	121,205	38,375	60,469
x Saskatoon	150,655	3,150	81,920
Alberta	216,633	135,330	459,860
x Calgary	119,013	104,700	149,695
x Edmonton	82,750	30,190	264,865
Lethbridge	11,035	440	43,640
Medicine Hat	3,835	Nil	1,660
British Columbia	2,139,363	1,580,755	1,982,966
Kamloops	35,274	Nil	18,590
Nanaimo	3,290	100	17,425
x New Westminster	127,430	74,210	46,375
Prince Rupert	6,550	4,175	7,950
x Vancouver	875,835	827,810	808,035
Point Grey	766,870	478,700	765,400
North Vancouver	28,464	43,095	46,860
South Vancouver	119,900	118,450	160,900
x Victoria	175,720	34,215	111,431
Total - 63 Cities	11,641,427	7,778,552	10,634,491
x Total - 35 Cities	8,837,509	5,689,511	8,237,887

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1927,
AND APRIL, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920 - 1927.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 63 cities which granted building permits valued at \$18,512,196 during April, as compared with \$11,646,227 in the preceding month and \$19,044,499 in the corresponding month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$6,865,969 or 59.0 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$532,303 or 2.8 p.c. in the second. The granting of a permit for a large store in Winnipeg during April, 1926, caused the total to be very high in that month. However, the aggregate for the elapsed months of this year - \$43,366,274 - exceeded that of any other since the record was begun in 1920, while building cost continued to be lower than in any of the last eight years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,700 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$8,200,000, and for some 3,800 other buildings estimated to cost over \$8,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of some 1,300 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,400,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, Quebec showing the greatest gain of \$3,210,823 or 145.1 p.c. New Brunswick and British Columbia registered declines of 0.5 p.c. and 19.6 p.c., respectively.

As compared with April, 1926, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized. Quebec again indicated the most pronounced advance, of \$2,149,585 or 65.7 p.c. Of the remaining provinces, Manitoba recorded the greatest loss, of \$4,050,557 or 76.4 p.c. due to the granting of a permit in April of last year for an unusually large building in Winnipeg.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered an increase in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month and with April, 1926; in Winnipeg there was a gain in the first comparison and a loss in the second, while Toronto and Vancouver showed reductions in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, London, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Barrie, the Townships of York, Ford, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nandimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1927, and April, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months
	In April	In First Four Months	
1927	\$ 18,512,196	\$ 43,366,274	147.2
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	152.0
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	154.0
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	166.5
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	165.3
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	160.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	204.6
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	213.4

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was thus 4.4 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during April and March, 1927, and April, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Table 1. Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	April, 1927	March, 1927	April, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	400,320	37,739	84,566
x Halifax	372,220	32,117	26,995
New Glasgow	7 00	Nil	150
x Sydney	27,400	5,622	57,421
New Brunswick	111,400	112,010	97,205
Fredericton	79,500	Nil	3,300
x Moncton	22,275	85,020	52,505
x St. John	9,625	26,990	41,400
Quebec	5,422,969	2,212,146	3,273,384
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	2,061,253	1,218,720	1,942,197
x Quebec	2,546,699	510,206	358,237
Shawinigan Falls	44,040	23,765	28,125
x Sherbrooke	112,025	27,705	147,000
x Three Rivers	425,300	271,825	174,675
x Westmount	233,652	159,925	623,150
Ontario	8,225,993	6,051,411	6,741,994
Belleville	24,045	7,450	203,490
x Brantford	22,320	33,895	10,425
Chatham	75,899	35,600	37,155
x Fort William	71,940	24,960	55,220
Galt	934,000	28,840	54,320
x Guelph	78,360	54,981	32,705
x Hamilton	371,400	377,500	343,450
x Kingston	11,617	24,734	59,049
x Kitchener	136,478	39,649	160,242
x London	403,460	224,755	246,945
Niagara Falls	298,163	197,038	120,150
Oshawa	518,065	225,150	11,975
x Ottawa	300,030	244,275	176,715
Owen Sound	238,000	22,075	3,450
x Peterborough	35,915	9,310	14,730
x Port Arthur	51,704	42,380	85,938
x Stratford	66,870	15,555	53,482
x St. Catharines	36,536	82,284	86,520
x St. Thomas	21,425	6,540	30,410
Sarnia	99,475	96,292	55,312
Sault Ste Marie	38,503	40,750	52,935
x Toronto	2,207,632	2,261,313	2,466,160
York and East York Townships	754,625	508,050	556,365
Welland	60,040	98,455	122,114
x Windsor	634,515	822,315	969,308
Ford	171,840	85,115	162,175
Riverside	33,915	74,625	55,450
Sandwich	428,700	115,515	363,025
Walkerville	96,000	222,000	144,000
Woodstock	4,521	27,360	8,809
Manitoba	1,251,073	598,270	5,301,630
x Brandon	610	25,800	6,572
St. Boniface	53,763	25,420	33,708
x Winnipeg	1,196,700	547,050	5,261,350
Saskatchewan	827,340	281,305	816,245
x Moose Jaw	273,100	9,445	22,525
x Regina	283,170	121,205	550,815
x Saskatoon	271,070	150,655	242,905
Alberta	553,758	216,633	306,921
x Calgary	292,192	119,013	131,966
x Edmonton	221,935	82,750	153,710
Lethbridge	38,940	11,035	10,915
Medicine Hat	691	3,835	10,330
British Columbia	1,719,343	2,139,363	2,422,554
Kamloops	12,935	35,274	10,313
Nanaimo	14,585	3,290	7,450
x New Westminster	177,450	127,460	90,305
Prince Rupert	18,800	6,550	22,350
x Vancouver	735,731	875,835	1,461,080
Point Grey	454,460	766,870	569,950
North Vancouver	51,495	28,464	42,860
South Vancouver	129,043	119,900	145,850
x Victoria	114,844	175,720	72,090
Total - 63 Cities	18,512,196	11,646,227	19,041,499
x Total - 35 Cities	13,727,453	8,837,500	16,207,113

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1927, AND MAY, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during May was higher by 16.7 p.c. than in April, 1927, and by 11.0 p.c. than in May, 1926, according to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; these showed that the authorizations amounted to \$20,532,147, as compared with \$17,587,536 ¹ in the preceding month and with \$18,504,296 in May, 1926. The total for May exceeded that for the same month in any other year since this record was begun in 1920, while building costs continued lower than in any of the last eight years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 2,000 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and for some 4,000 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$10,250,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of nearly 1,700 dwellings and 3,800 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,200,000 and \$8,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1927, the largest gain of \$1,326,615 or 18.2 p.c., being registered in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,158,617 or 21.4 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1926, Quebec and British Columbia recorded reductions, of \$1,115,749 or 20.7 p.c. and \$57,444 or 2.3 p.c., respectively. The other provinces recorded increases, of which those of \$898,029, or 104.4 p.c., in Saskatchewan and \$975,314, or 12.7 p.c., in Ontario were greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either April, 1927, or May, 1926, while Vancouver showed an increase in the former and a decrease in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Ford, Riverside, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Point Grey and Victoria reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during May and in the first five months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months
	In May	In first five months	
1927	\$20,532,147	\$62,973,761	147.3
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	151.1
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	153.8
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	166.0
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	165.7
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	161.1
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	200.7
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	215.9

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was nearly 5 per cent greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

¹ Corrected figure.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	May 1927	April 1927	May 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	331,699	400,320	92,691
New Glasgow	138,813	372,220	88,052
x Sydney	1,185	700	800
New Brunswick	191,701	27,400	4,039
Fredericton	171,620	111,400	109,053
x Moncton	12,300	79,500	5,680
x St. John	139,985	22,275	91,978
Quebec	19,335	9,625	8,400
x Montreal -xMaisonneuve	4,264,352	5,422,959	5,380,101
x Quebec	3,043,089	2,061,253	2,781,110
Shawinigan Falls	637,468	2,546,699	377,636
x Sherbrooke	56,985	44,040	43,000
x Three Rivers	37,100	112,025	183,000
x Westmount	136,150	425,300	409,230
Ontario	353,560	233,652	1,591,125
Belleville	8,327,948	7,301,333 1/	7,052,634
x Brantford	9,240	24,045	14,595
Chatham	137,000	22,320	19,520
x Fort William	103,238	75,899	70,650
Galt	156,800	71,940	184,680
x Guelph	42,065	9,340 1/	14,058
x Hamilton	40,590	78,360	24,650
x Kingston	456,150	371,400	502,400
x Kitchener	30,620	11,617	208,364
x London	142,385	136,478	169,557
x Niagara Falls	416,235	403,460	418,120
Oshawa	160,825	298,163	187,645
x Ottawa	292,810	518,065	43,375
Owen Sound	435,725	300,030	382,875
x Peterborough	15,200	238,000	25,060
x Port Arthur	131,710	35,915	50,770
x Stratford	675,805	51,704	98,466
x St. Catharines	21,140	66,870	1,100
x St. Thomas	119,204	36,536	91,180
Sarnia	4,838	21,425	34,427
Sault Ste. Marie	72,621	99,475	70,085
x Toronto	32,474	38,503	31,362
York & East York Townships	3,210,693	2,207,632	2,668,044
Welland	689,510	754,625	404,110
x Windsor	23,600	60,040	51,150
Ford	353,005	634,515	971,320
Riverside	211,336	172,840	193,275
Sandwich	377,400	33,915	61,400
Walkerville	102,000	428,700	219,925
Woodstock	189,000	96,000	269,000
Manitoba	5,169	4,521	12,051
x Brandon	1,628,672	1,251,073	1,273,319
St. Boniface	14,832	510	93,822
x Winnipeg	246,790	53,765	127,197
Saskatchewan	1,367,050	1,196,700	1,052,300
x Moose Jaw	1,758,047	827,340	850,018
x Regina	514,727	273,200	23,120
x Saskatoon	639,390	283,170	519,010
Alberta	804,530	271,070	512,888
x Calgary	1,333,982	553,758	563,194
x Edmonton	430,982	292,192	279,854
Lethbridge	885,070	221,835	372,575
Medicine Hat	17,255	58,640	9,775
British Columbia	675	691	950
Kamloops	2,415,827	1,729,343	2,473,271
Nanaimo	70,170	12,935	Nil
x New Westminster	8,100	14,535	13,900
Prince Rupert	134,250	177,450	17,100
x Vancouver	5,825	18,800	6,370
Point Grey	992,990	735,737	1,534,153
North Vancouver	592,300	464,460	580,750
South Vancouver	49,210	51,795	24,500
x Victoria	99,400	29,043	164,800
	463,582	114,844	102,710
Total, 63 Cities	20,532,147	17,577,536 1/	18,504,254
xTotal, 35 Cities	17,075,504	13,327,453	15,757,998

1/ Corrected figure

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1927,
AND JUNE, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June aggregated \$18,399,858; this was a seasonal decline of 10.4 p.c. from the May total of \$20,532,147, while in the more significant comparison with June, 1926, there was a falling off of only 1.7 p.c., the value for that month having been \$18,718,050. The aggregate for the first half of 1927, however, exceeded that of the first half of any other year on record for these cities; standing at \$81,373,619, it was 3.3 p.c. higher than in the first half of 1926, the previous high level. As has been pointed out in other issues, the wholesale costs of building materials this year have averaged considerably less than in any other of the last eight years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,700 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$7,800,000 and some 3,300 permits for other buildings estimated at approximately \$9,000,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of nearly 2,000 dwellings and some 4,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and \$10,250,000 respectively.

Improvement over May, 1927, was reported in New Brunswick and Quebec, where there were gains of 113.2 and 9.9 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$1,413,294 or 16.4 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced, although Alberta registered a greater proportionate decrease of \$421,141 or 31.6 p.c.

As compared with June, 1926, there were increases in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia, in which there were reductions of 10.6 p.c. and 31 p.c. respectively. Saskatchewan reported the greatest increase, of \$751,215 or 95.1 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued, as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1926; Toronto and Winnipeg showed a decline in the former and an advance in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver the reverse was the case, there being an increase over May, but a reduction as compared with June, 1926. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, Oshawa, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Regina, Lethbridge, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver reported improvement in both comparisons.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during May, 1927, and June, 1926; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF YEAR, 1920-1927.

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 63 cities during the first six months of each year since 1920; it also shows the totals for the same years, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

The 1927 aggregate for the first half year was \$81,373,619; this was an increase of 3.3 p.c., 23.5 p.c., 34.1 p.c., 11.4 p.c., 14.2 p.c., 45.9 p.c., and 31.8 p.c., as compared with the first six months of 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and 1920, respectively. Since the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials is this year considerably lower than in any other since 1920, the advance in the volume of construction is greater than would be indicated by the percentage gain in the value of the building authorized by the co-operating cities.

Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in the first six months of last year; in Saskatchewan, in fact, the total was greater than in any other year since 1920. Nova Scotia registered the greatest proportionate gain of \$714,382, or 242.7 p.c., while the largest absolute increase of \$4,667,963, or 14.9 p.c., was in Ontario. Of the remaining provinces, Quebec showed a decline of only 3.0 p.c.; in Manitoba and British Columbia, however, there were reductions of 40.7 p.c. and 10.8 p.c. respectively.

During the first six months of this year, the 31 cities furnishing returns in Ontario reported 44.2 p.c. of the total value of the building authorized, as compared with 39.8 in the same months of 1926. In Quebec, the proportion declined from 24.9 last year to 23.3 in the elapsed months of 1927, in British Columbia from 16.7 p.c. to 14.5 p.c. and in Manitoba from 10.8 to 6.2 p.c. There were increases in this proportion in the remaining provinces.

Totals of Permits Issued by Four Leading Cities

In Table 3 are given the aggregates of permits issued in the four largest cities in the first half of each year since 1920, together with the proportion that their totals are of the yearly and half-yearly totals for the 63 cities. The building authorized was valued at \$35,330,568 in the first six months of 1927; this was 12.7 p.c. lower than in the same months of last year, but it was higher than in any other year of the record except 1923, when the cost of building materials was considerably higher.

The aggregate for Montreal was rather lower than in 1926, but was greater than in any other year except 1923. The total for Toronto, which was exceeded only in 1923 and 1922, was 9.1 p.c. above last year's aggregate. Winnipeg registered a smaller total of estimated building than in the first half of 1926, but greater than in any other of the eight years shown in Table 3, except 1920, while in Vancouver the 1927 aggregate was only exceeded in 1926.

Contracts Awarded.

According to the MacLean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1927, was \$191,323,800, as compared with \$194,543,600 in 1926 and \$125,544,100 in 1925. Of the total contracts awarded this year, \$58,688,300 was classed as residential building, \$73,561,500 as business, \$22,889,300 as industrial, and \$36,184,700 as engineering. In 1926, the total was divided as follows:- residential, \$56,415,300, business, \$53,760,500, industrial, \$43,879,500 and engineering, \$40,488,300. There were thus increases during the first half of 1927 as compared with last year in the two classes most heavily represented in the building permits statistics - residential and business building.

Table 1 - Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	June 1927	May 1927	June 1926
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,000
Nova Scotia	211,650	331,699	48,430
x Halifax	197,820	138,813	41,335
New Glasgow	3,000	1,185	2,345
x Sydney	10,830	191,701	4,750
New Brunswick	365,811	171,620	123,985
Fredericton	1/	12,300	7,660
x Moncton	345,065	139,985	99,625
x Saint John	20,746	19,335	16,700
Quebec	4,686,572	4,264,352	4,497,947
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	3,177,250	3,043,089	2,461,587
x Quebec	435,897	637,468	1,518,660
Shawinigan Falls	63,550	56,985	23,785
x Sherbrooke	252,400	37,100	88,000
x Three Rivers	82,100	136,150	154,490
x Westmount	675,375	353,560	251,425
Ontario	7,214,654	8,627,948	7,979,772
Bellefleur	20,425	9,240	10,225
x Brantford	83,552	137,000	14,470
Chatham	111,400	103,238	20,595
x Fort William	101,750	156,800	62,710
Galt	30,445	42,065	7,501
x Guelph	38,815	40,590	77,820
x Hamilton	234,300	456,150	431,500
x Kingston	32,591	30,620	202,691
x Kitchener	188,704	142,385	135,092
x London	152,985	416,235	248,870
Niagara Falls	92,965	160,825	265,232
Oshawa	1,283,500	292,810	103,225
x Ottawa	300,820	435,725	383,663
Owen Sound	15,450	15,200	34,500
x Peterborough	40,258	131,310	23,063
x Port Arthur	82,185	675,805	488,355
x Stratford	13,210	21,140	78,669
x St. Catharines	153,483	119,204	97,446
x St. Thomas	15,404	4,838	13,240
Sarnia	79,047	72,621	61,530
Sault Ste. Marie	38,300	32,434	24,775
x Toronto	2,694,797	3,210,693	2,407,549
York & East York Townships	488,500	689,510	758,570
Welland	30,885	23,600	107,895
x Windsor	383,525	353,005	1,187,661
Ford	108,075	211,336	217,750
Riverside	166,025	347,400	68,250
Sandwich	135,640	102,000	253,825
Walkerville	61,000	189,000	176,000
Woodstock	36,618	5,169	17,100
Manitoba	1,405,510	1,628,672	1,125,695
x Brandon	14,130	14,832	7,750
St. Boniface	70,430	246,790	48,595
x Winnipeg	1,320,950	1,367,050	1,069,350
Saskatchewan	1,539,725	1,758,047	788,510
x Moose Jaw	144,925	314,127	18,735
x Regina	691,935	639,390	384,571
x Saskatoon	702,865	804,530	385,205
Alberta	912,841	1,333,982	802,415
x Calgary	366,801	430,982	629,330
x Edmonton	511,585	325,070	153,340
Lethbridge	32,755	17,255	17,235
Medicine Hat	1,700	675	2,450
British Columbia	2,063,095	2,415,827	3,334,296
Kamloops	2,730	70,170	1,620
Nanaimo	6,150	8,100	6,555
x New Westminster	66,160	134,250	100,393
Prince Rupert	22,595	5,825	12,600
x Vancouver	1,333,040	992,990	2,179,525
Point Grey	430,210	592,300	708,000
North Vancouver	24,925	49,210	179,055
South Vancouver	121,800	99,400	107,400
x Victoria	54,485	463,582	39,147
Total, 63 Cities	18,399,853	20,532,147	18,713,050
" 35 Cities	14,920,738	17,075,504	15,450,716

Report not received.

Table 2.- Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities During First Half-year, 1920-1927.

Province	No. of Cities	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Prince Edward Island	1	-	\$ 17,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 16,700	\$ 27,500	\$ 49,500	\$ 127,200	\$ 34,500
Nova Scotia	3	1,008,779	294,397	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457	2,338,612
New Brunswick	3	784,821	551,353	755,090	304,289	446,666	1,107,458	534,855	1,123,270
Quebec	6	18,995,229	19,575,823	16,647,887	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750	13,318,280
Ontario	31	36,002,910	31,334,947	31,808,126	29,028,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123	29,355,724
Manitoba	3	5,037,890	8,491,110	3,140,730	2,201,396	2,331,020	4,439,403	3,696,283	5,740,273
Saskatchewan	3	4,485,147	2,884,162	1,506,755	1,863,334	1,470,534	2,624,552	1,874,257	2,219,660
Alberta	4	3,297,749	2,429,373	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465	3,791,546
British Columbia	9	11,761,074	13,182,254	9,669,617	7,610,764	4,799,270	5,449,206	5,401,294	3,832,645
Canada (63 Cities) 6 months		81,373,619	78,760,419	65,899,717	60,674,154	73,047,496	71,281,674	55,771,684	61,754,710
Canada " 12 months		-	156,386,607	125,029,367	126,583,148	133,521,621	148,215,407	116,794,414	117,019,622
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year		-	50.4	52.7	47.9	54.7	48.1	47.8	52.8
1/ Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, 6 months		147.3	150.6	154.1	165.2	166.1	161.1	197.1	215.5
2/ Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)		-	172.1	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5	180.9

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average, 1913 = 100.

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average, 1913 = 100.

Table 3.- Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1920-1927.

City	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Montreal	11,689,052	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774	7,330,178	8,263,498
Toronto	13,038,265	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813	12,922,551
Winnipeg	4,579,300	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050	5,435,450
Vancouver	6,023,951	7,756,825	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,382	1,485,068
Total, 4 largest cities -								
six months	35,330,568	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423	28,106,567
Total, 4 largest cities -								
twelve months	-	83,613,495	63,438,784	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051	51,744,488
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year-	-	48.4	50.1 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.	54.3 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months to 6 months' total for 63 cities -	43.4 p.c.	51.4 p.c.	48.2 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	42.6 p.c.	45.5 p.c.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1927,
AND JULY, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1927.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decline of 10.3 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decrease of 11.6 p.c. in comparison with the exceptionally high total recorded in July, 1926. The aggregate for the 63 cities was \$16,511,011, as against \$18,399,858 in June, and \$18,683,415 in the corresponding month of last year; the latter total included a permit for an engineering project estimated at some \$4,000,000 undertaken in Vancouver, which made it considerably higher than in July of any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,500 permits for dwellings valued at over \$6,000,000, and some 2,200 permits for other buildings estimated at approximately \$7,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of about 1,700 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$7,800,000 and \$9,000,000 respectively.

Increases of _____ and 24.9 p.c., as compared with June, 1927, were reported in Nova Scotia and Ontario, respectively, while elsewhere there were reductions, of which that of \$1,805,784 or 38.5 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1926, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered improvement, that of \$947,567, or 132.9 p.c., in the last named being greatest. British Columbia reported the most marked decline, of \$4,512,473 or 78.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg recorded losses as compared with the preceding month, but increases over July of last year, while in Vancouver there was a falling off in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Welland, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Regina, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, South Vancouver and Victoria reported gains as compared with both June, 1927, and July, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920. The cumulative total shown for this month includes for the first time permits valued at \$72,800 issued by Charlottetown during April and May. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months
	In July	In first seven months	
1927	\$ 16,511,011	\$97,957,430	147.4
1926	13,683,415	97,443,834	150.2
1925	12,812,603	73,712,320	154.1
1924	11,621,196	72,355,350	163.8
1923	13,072,547	86,126,043	166.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	161.5
1921	10,966,891	66,737,575	194.5
1920	13,747,045	75,497,755	215.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was thus slightly greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June and July, 1927, and July, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus, "x".

Table 1.-Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	July, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1926
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	\$ 450,784	\$ 211,650	\$ 81,770
x Halifax	436,285	197,820	76,895
New Glasgow	750	3,000	475
x Sydney	13,749	10,830	4,400
New Brunswick	121,999	365,811	54,758
Fredericton	55,500	-	4,800
x Moncton	7,050	345,065	35,558
x Saint John	59,449	20,746	14,400
Quebec	2,880,788	4,686,572	2,831,865
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,984,988	3,177,250	1,870,250
x Quebec	342,710	435,897	544,730
Shawinigan Falls	61,550	63,550	14,460
x Sherbrooke	31,200	252,400	101,100
x Three Rivers	169,725	82,100	65,050
x Westmount	290,615	675,375	236,275
Ontario	9,010,731	7,214,654	8,097,941
Belleville	15,800	20,425	21,225
x Brantford	54,303	83,552	14,358
Chatham	43,900	111,400	315,250
x Fort William	44,825	101,750	158,000
Galt	8,170	30,445	7,768
x Guelph	31,922	38,815	44,780
x Hamilton	312,250	234,300	248,350
x Kingston	19,129	32,591	23,555
x Kitchener	63,193	188,704	121,945
x London	302,350	152,985	1,246,255
Niagara Falls	130,372	92,965	80,275
Oshawa	621,325	1,283,500	337,830
x Ottawa	205,450	300,820	447,030
Owen Sound	13,500	15,450	52,800
x Peterborough	307,557	40,258	44,135
x Port Arthur	2,188,755	82,185	60,195
x Stratford	36,225	13,210	156,920
x St. Catharines	263,732	153,483	28,378
x St. Thomas	6,430	15,404	7,530
Sarnia	300,095	79,047	78,384
Sault Ste. Marie	72,450	38,300	38,590
x Toronto	2,675,055	2,694,797	2,265,040
York and East York Townships	562,100	488,500	706,230
Welland	43,019	30,885	14,975
x Windsor	300,466	383,525	787,242
Ford	49,500	108,075	337,513
Riverside	62,300	166,025	77,400
Sandwich	159,080	135,640	182,675
Walkerville	100,000	61,000	185,000
Woodstock	17,478	36,618	7,913
Manitoba	906,751	1,405,510	832,962
x Brandon	41,618	14,130	16,402
St. Boniface	68,433	70,430	69,910
x Winnipeg	796,700	1,320,950	746,650
Saskatchewan	1,465,527	1,539,725	517,960
x Moose Jaw	196,267	144,925	54,790
x Regina	827,910	691,935	202,020
x Saskatoon	441,350	702,865	261,150
Alberta	401,828	912,841	481,078
x Calgary	177,373	366,801	117,830
x Edmonton	170,905	541,585	316,350
Lethbridge	51,360	32,755	45,298
Medicine Hat	2,190	1,700	1,600
British Columbia	1,272,603	2,063,095	5,785,081
Kamloops	Nil	3,730	26,775
Nanaimo	8,243	6,150	6,030
x New Westminster	69,431	66,160	101,980
Prince Rupert	22,275	22,595	11,575
x Vancouver	600,272	1,333,040	4,844,025
Point Grey	357,200	430,210	522,650
North Vancouver	22,637	24,925	100,251
South Vancouver	123,400	121,800	116,700
x Victoria	69,145	54,485	55,095
Total - 63 Cities	16,511,011	18,399,858	18,683,415
Total - 35 Cities	13,538,384	14,920,738	15,319,063

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY,
1927, AND AUGUST, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT
MONTHS, 1920-1927.

There was an increase of \$13,140,877 or 79.6 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1927, as compared with the preceding month, while the total, which was 154.0 p.c., higher than in August, 1926, was also greater than in the same month of any other year since the record for the 63 cities was commenced in 1920. The co-operating cities granted authority for building estimated at \$29,651,888 during the month under review, as compared with \$16,511,011 in July, 1927, and \$11,672,599 in August of last year. The pronounced gains this August were due to an unusually large total in Montreal, where one permit alone accounted for \$12,000,000 of the aggregate; in fact, the August total considerably exceeded that for any other month of the 18 years for which records for Montreal are available.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and over 2,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$19,500,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,500 dwellings and 2,200 other buildings estimated at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

Quebec reported the especially noteworthy gain of \$16,840,677 as compared with July, 1927, but there were also advances in Alberta and British Columbia. Of the reductions elsewhere registered, those in Ontario of \$3,091,080 or 34.3 p.c. were most marked.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits than in August of last year, Quebec showing the largest increase of \$17,684,709. Saskatchewan registered the greatest decline, of \$966,722 or 47.1 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with both July, 1927, and August, 1926, while in Winnipeg there was a decrease as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over the corresponding month of 1926. As already stated, the August, 1927, aggregate for Montreal was the highest reported for any month since the record for this city was commenced in 1910. Of the remaining centres, Three Rivers, Chatham, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North and South Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months.
	In August	In first eight months	
1927	\$29,651,888	\$127,609,318	147.4
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	150.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	162.6
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	166.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	161.8
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	192.1
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	214.6

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 16.8 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

	August, 1927	July, 1927	August, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	-	nil	12,000
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	65,925	450,784	36,115
New Glasgow	60,700	436,285	28,270
x Sydney	100	750	1,730
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	5,125	13,749	6,115
x Moncton	67,928	121,999	91,205
x Saint John	4,600	55,500	nil
Quebec	23,545	7,050	23,905
x Montréal - x Maisonneuve	39,783	59,449	67,300
x Quebec	19,721,465	2,880,788	2,036,756
Shawinigan Falls	19,206,553	1,984,988	1,578,081
x Sherbrooke	250,637	342,710	155,010
x Three Rivers	32,550	61,550	60,210
x Westmount	30,800	31,200	20,500
Ontario	170,325	169,725	89,880
Belleville	30,600	290,615	133,075
x Brantford	5,919,651	9,010,731	4,932,232
Chatham	5,500	15,800	11,600
x Fort William	52,683	54,303	14,820
Galt	71,850	43,900	9,625
x Guelph	96,825	44,825	336,480
x Hamilton	1,860	8,170	9,200
x Kingston	39,774	31,922	17,960
x Kitchener	502,650	312,250	194,700
x London	47,112	19,129	23,589
Niagara Falls	193,903	63,193	110,830
Oshawa	202,635	302,350	151,900
x Ottawa	125,315	130,372	88,330
Owen Sound	353,375	621,325	120,320
x Peterborough	230,070	205,450	161,625
x Port Arthur	7,050	13,500	8,200
x Stratford	9,435	307,557	53,395
x St. Catharines	47,944	2,188,755	45,743
x St. Thomas	15,799	36,225	36,680
Sarnia	51,940	263,732	62,325
Sault Ste. Marie	17,575	6,430	13,810
x Toronto	89,215	300,095	40,843
York and East York Townships	26,157	72,450	16,490
Welland	2,724,623	2,675,055	1,797,573
x Windsor	496,000	562,100	498,075
Ford	15,855	43,019	20,700
Riverside	240,400	300,466	616,825
Sandwich	78,030	49,500	186,850
Walkerville	34,450	62,300	52,800
Woodstock	79,335	159,080	124,300
Manitoba	54,000	100,000	90,000
x Brandon	8,291	17,478	16,644
St. Boniface	797,977	906,751	618,454
x Winnipeg	83,877	41,618	45,829
Saskatchewan	90,050	68,433	60,825
x Moose Jaw	624,050	796,700	511,800
x Regina	1,086,298	1,465,527	2,053,020
x Saskatoon	338,788	196,267	16,400
Alberta	411,375	827,910	1,811,350
x Calgary	336,135	441,350	225,270
x Edmonton	483,561	401,828	375,170
Lethbridge	170,941	177,373	133,385
Medicine Hat	233,785	170,905	232,495
British Columbia	51,510	51,360	9,240
Kamloops	27,325	2,190	50
Nanaimo	1,509,083	1,272,603	1,517,647
x New Westminster	102,199	nil	14,570
Prince Rupert	8,650	8,243	1,925
x Vancouver	116,210	69,431	51,675
Point Grey	8,565	22,275	7,600
North Vancouver	717,504	600,272	695,530
South Vancouver	345,040	357,200	503,400
Victoria	29,170	22,637	27,150
Total, 63 Cities	140,000	123,400	138,900
Total, 35 Cities	41,745	69,145	76,897
	23,511,342	16,511,011	11,672,599
	27,365,846	13,538,384	9,541,022

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1927,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during September stood at \$14,410,212; this was a decline of \$15,241,676 or 51.4 p.c. as compared with the exceptionally large total of \$29,651,888 reported in August, but it was an increase of \$3,362,709 or 30.4 p.c. over the September, 1926, aggregate of \$11,047,503. As was mentioned in the last issue, the high aggregate in August was chiefly due to authorizations for several unusually large undertakings in Montreal. The cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by nearly \$22,000,000 that for the same months in 1926, the previous high level of this record which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,500 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$7,000,000 and nearly 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$7,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,100 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings estimated at approximately \$4,000,000 and \$17,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1927, Ontario showing the greatest advance of \$1,234,133, or 20.8 p.c., Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that in Quebec of \$15,842,505 or 80.3 p.c. was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1926, there were gains in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, of which that of \$1,759,155, or 32.6 p.c., in Ontario was largest. In Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia there were reductions, that of \$639,141, or 58.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan being most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered higher totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year, while in Montreal there was a decrease in the former comparison, but an increase in the latter. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Saint John, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Guelph, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Riverside, Prince Rupert and Victoria showed advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months
	In September	In first nine months	
1927	\$14,410,212	\$142,019,530	147.5
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	149.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	154.0
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	161.5
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	166.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	161.9
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	189.3
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	215.1

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 13.2 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	September, 1927	August, 1927	September, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	-	Nil	-
New Scotia	110,707	65,925	325,980
x Halifax	101,172	60,700	323,955
New Glasgow	2,235	100	525
x Sydney	7,300	5,125	1,500
New Brunswick	115,004	67,928	42,405
Fredericton	Nil	4,600	1,200
x Moncton	12,960	23,545	15,205
x Saint John	102,044	39,783	26,000
Quebec	3,878,960	19,721,465	2,541,509
x Montreal- Maisonneuve	2,635,295	19,206,553	2,002,400
x Quebec	508,420	250,637	236,614
Shawinigan Falls	29,125	32,550	59,505
x Sherbrooke	35,100	30,800	34,500
x Three Rivers	87,650	170,325	58,015
x Westmount	583,370	30,600	150,475
Ontario	7,153,784	5,919,651	5,394,629
Belleville	14,725	5,500	4,700
x Brantford	43,265	52,683	46,005
Chatham	15,250	71,850	4,650
x Fort William	56,150	96,825	118,330
Galt	14,500	1,860	9,660
x Guelph	65,388	39,774	51,481
x Hamilton	244,750	502,650	196,500
x Kingston	10,870	47,112	23,878
x Kitchener	181,875	193,903	100,372
x London	408,825	202,635	118,100
Niagara Falls	38,627	125,315	105,470
Oshawa	775,490	353,375	160,560
x Ottawa	609,465	230,070	305,600
Owen Sound	2,525	7,050	5,015
x Peterborough	16,630	9,435	14,360
x Port Arthur	126,300	47,944	23,308
x Stratford	17,495	15,799	56,029
x St. Catharines	130,390	51,940	80,888
x St. Thomas	12,215	17,575	6,905
Sarnia	130,983	89,215	52,800
Sault Ste. Marie	24,640	26,157	20,298
x Toronto	2,761,272	2,724,623	2,589,070
York & East York Townships	619,100	496,000	414,275
Welland	83,455	15,855	25,190
x Windsor	464,170	240,400	462,978
Ford	114,700	78,030	157,850
Riverside	62,575	34,450	45,680
Sandwich	22,695	79,335	101,500
Walkerville	78,000	54,000	83,000
Woodstock	7,459	8,291	10,177
Manitoba	855,191	797,977	460,842
x Brandon	7,181	83,877	6,642
St. Boniface	87,960	90,050	18,700
x Winnipeg	760,050	624,050	435,500
Saskatchewan	447,157	1,086,298	574,901
x Moose Jaw	86,617	338,788	75,250
x Regina	176,925	411,375	255,590
x Saskatoon	183,615	336,135	244,061
Alberta	350,042	483,561	191,525
x Calgary	168,627	170,941	105,485
x Edmonton	167,180	233,785	75,155
Lethbridge	12,380	51,510	10,885
Medicine Hat	1,855	27,325	Nil
British Columbia	1,499,367	1,509,083	1,515,712
Kamloops	Nil	102,199	50,860
Nanaimo	3,597	8,650	4,100
x New Westminster	65,060	116,210	97,301
Prince Rupert	37,350	8,565	11,150
x Vancouver	850,480	717,504	746,832
Point Grey	332,150	345,040	411,450
North Vancouver	18,700	29,170	18,052
South Vancouver	120,740	140,000	144,700
x Victoria	71,290	41,745	31,267
Total - 63 Cities	14,410,212	29,651,888	11,047,503
x Total - 35 Cities	11,759,396	27,365,846	9,115,551

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927,
AND OCTOBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during October was \$18,838,558; this was an increase of \$4,428,346 or 30.7 p.c. as compared with the September total of \$14,410,212, and of \$4,100,156 or 27.8 p.c. over the aggregate of \$14,738,402 for October, 1926. The value in the month under review was greater than in October of any other year for which statistics of these centres are available, while the cumulative total for the months of 1927 exceeds by almost \$26,000,000 that for the same months in 1926, the previous high level of this record, which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,800,000 and over 3,200 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$9,800,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,500 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$7,000,000 in each case.

Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1927, those of \$1,384,283 or 35.7 p.c. in Quebec, and \$2,981,952 or 41.7 p.c. in Ontario being most noteworthy.

As compared with October, 1926, there were gains in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In this comparison also, Ontario recorded the greatest gain of \$3,172,902, or 45.6 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto showed improvement over September, 1927, but declines as compared with October of last year; in Winnipeg, the reverse was the case, as there was a reduction in comparison with the preceding month and an increase over the same month in 1926, while in Vancouver the total was higher than in either. Of the other centres, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, York Townships, Sandwich, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Prince Rupert registered increases both as compared with September, 1927, and with October, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1926.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920. The January-October average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months
	In October	In first ten months	
	\$	\$	
1927	18,838,558	160,858,088	147.6
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	160.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	166.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	162.0
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	187.0
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	215.5

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 19.2 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	October, 1927	September, 1927	October, 1926
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	105,983	110,707	123,471
New Glasgow	87,301	101,172	103,786
x Sydney	600	2,235	435
New Brunswick	18,082	7,500	19,250
Fredericton	45,385	115,004	11,050
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	9,050	12,960	11,050
Quebec	36,335	102,044	Nil
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	5,263,243	3,878,960	5,106,141
x Quebec	3,715,774	2,635,295	4,364,120
Shawinigan Falls	680,599	508,420	317,071
x Sherbrooke	22,120	29,125	63,600
x Three Rivers	26,300	35,100	82,500
x Westmount	72,725	87,650	137,550
Ontario	745,725	583,370	141,300
Belleville	10,135,736	7,153,784	6,962,834
x Brantford	21,550	14,725	11,575
Chatham	54,330	43,265	29,046
x Fort William	26,425	15,250	9,025
Galt	62,850	56,150	31,800
x Guelph	18,383	14,500	8,818
x Hamilton	45,589	65,388	16,180
x Kingston	435,800	244,750	268,500
x Kitchener	26,283	10,870	36,251
x London	154,435	181,875	85,248
Niagara Falls	321,030	408,825	128,500
Oshawa	207,160	38,627	108,660
x Ottawa	520,973	775,490	112,300
Owen Sound	3,191,410	609,465	359,405
x Peterborough	12,050	2,525	13,100
x Port Arthur	22,335	16,630	74,394
x Stratford	30,050	126,300	79,652
x St. Catharines	14,650	17,495	6,795
x St. Thomas	62,649	130,390	95,428
Sarnia	3,595	12,215	3,865
Sault Ste Marie	40,210	130,983	64,680
x Toronto	29,152	24,640	29,333
York and East York Townships	3,733,986	2,761,272	3,932,558
Welland	698,420	619,100	600,790
x Windsor	19,630	83,455	29,190
Ford	74,933	464,170	439,450
Riverside	53,125	114,700	92,100
Sandwich	3,450	62,575	18,050
Walkerville	127,575	22,695	119,500
Woodstock	110,000	78,000	120,000
Manitoba	13,608	7,459	38,641
x Brandon	503,636	855,191	450,712
St. Boniface	8,341	7,181	8,402
x Winnipeg	49,695	87,960	35,810
Saskatchewan	445,600	760,050	406,500
x Moose Jaw	436,425	447,157	379,468
x Regina	106,925	86,617	5,886
x Saskatoon	207,800	176,925	184,127
Alberta	121,700	183,615	189,455
x Calgary	628,952	350,042	332,620
x Edmonton	255,162	168,627	174,910
Lethbridge	174,420	167,180	130,260
Medicine Hat	195,015	12,380	27,450
British Columbia	4,355	1,855	Nil
Kamloops	1,719,198	1,499,367	1,372,106
Nanaimo	24,385	Nil	Nil
x New Westminster	12,800	3,597	4,550
Prince Rupert	166,750	65,060	63,790
x Vancouver	101,380	37,350	30,840
Point Grey	901,205	850,450	641,035
North Vancouver	336,780	332,150	463,350
South Vancouver	15,320	18,700	36,838
x Victoria	91,550	120,740	84,250
	69,028	71,290	47,453
Total - 63 Cities	12,838,558	14,410,212	14,738,402
x Total - 35 Cities	16,022,847	11,759,396	12,615,517

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1927,
AND NOVEMBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during November was \$12,849,089. This was a seasonal decline of \$5,989,469 or 31.8 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$18,838,558, but an increase of \$2,873,638 or 23.8 p.c. over the aggregate of \$9,975,451 for November, 1926. The total for November of this year was rather greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 63 centres are available. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1927 exceeds by nearly \$29,000,000 that for the corresponding months in 1926, the previous high level of this eight years' record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$6,000,000 and about 2,300 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$6,700,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,600 dwellings and 3,200 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$8,800,000 and \$9,800,000, respectively.

All provinces showed reductions in the value of the permits issued as compared with October, those of \$3,653,420 or 36.0 p.c. and \$1,122,154 or 21.3 p.c. in Ontario and Quebec, respectively, being most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1926, all provinces except Alberta reported increases, of which that of \$1,130,825 or 27.3 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

The four largest centres, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, recorded seasonal declines as compared with the preceding month, but increases over November of a year ago. Of the other cities, Sherbrooke, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Windsor, Riverside, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, and South Vancouver reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either October, 1927, or November, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1927.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months
	In November	In first eleven months	
	\$	\$	
1927	12,849,089	173,707,177	147.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	149.3
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	153.5
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	159.8
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	166.9
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	162.0
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	185.0
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	215.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 19.8 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in October and November, 1927, and November, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.			
Cities	November, 1927	October, 1927	November, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	67,583	105,983	28,295
x Halifax	57,403	87,301	14,595
New Glasgow	730	600	100
x Sydney	9,450	18,082	13,600
New Brunswick	16,945	45,385	9,850
Fredericton	-	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,450	9,050	3,850
x Saint John	15,495	36,335	6,000
Quebec	4,141,089	5,263,243	3,010,264
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,537,955	3,715,774	2,332,789
x Quebec	348,554	680,599	205,175
Falls	9,500	22,120	8,300
x Sherbrooke	49,100	26,300	33,900
x Three Rivers	102,275	72,725	106,025
x Westmount	93,705	745,725	324,075
Ontario	6,482,316	10,135,736	5,352,892
Belleville	13,075	21,550	7,950
x Brantford	31,276	54,330	47,305
Chatham	12,450	26,425	31,200
x Fort William	40,850	62,850	74,400
Galt	20,800	18,383	925
x Guelph	27,235	45,589	19,490
x Hamilton	479,700	435,800	217,150
x Kingston	182,921	26,283	9,610
x Kitchener	71,188	154,435	47,032
x London	246,585	321,030	837,585
Niagara Falls	111,575	207,160	97,185
Oshawa	361,635	520,973	80,900
x Ottawa	288,830	3,191,410	153,990
Owen Sound	3,500	12,050	3,625
x Peterborough	24,485	22,335	25,140
x Port Arthur	37,131	30,050	13,558
x Stratford	14,095	14,650	5,415
x St. Catharines	87,198	62,649	345,265
x St. Thomas	3,475	3,695	1,300
Sarnia	57,452	40,210	51,955
Sault Ste. Marie	9,315	29,152	2,793
x Toronto	3,011,568	3,733,986	2,258,645
York & East York Townships	623,525	698,420	397,400
Welland	4,520	19,630	11,515
x Windsor	496,328	74,933	338,775
Ford	47,650	53,125	87,810
Riverside	43,725	3,450	20,700
Sandwich	33,100	127,575	102,300
Walkerville	91,000	110,000	63,000
Woodstock	6,129	13,608	5,974
Manitoba	354,460	503,636	205,142
x Brandon	4,900	8,341	212
St. Boniface	50,610	49,695	29,930
x Winnipeg	298,950	445,600	175,000
Saskatchewan	212,120	436,425	109,130
x Moose Jaw	6,145	106,925	1,495
x Regina	52,400	207,800	57,835
x Saskatoon	153,575	121,700	49,800
Alberta	185,906	628,952	217,701
x Calgary	103,306	255,162	110,230
x Edmonton	51,770	174,420	60,435
Lethbridge	12,370	195,015	47,036
Medicine Hat	18,460	4,355	Nil
British Columbia	1,388,670	1,719,198	1,035,177
Kamloops	Nil	24,385	18,472
Nanaimo	2,950	12,800	Nil
x New Westminster	20,600	166,750	24,610
Prince Rupert	6,775	101,380	10,080
x Vancouver	625,370	901,205	408,840
Point Grey	185,880	336,780	419,300
North Vancouver	11,280	15,320	24,612
South Vancouver	126,150	91,550	84,700
x Victoria	409,665	69,028	44,563
Total - 63 Cities	12,849,089	18,838,558	9,975,451
Total - 35 Cities	10,984,933	16,082,847	8,367,689

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
NOVEMBER, 1927, AND DECEMBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR YEARS 1920-7.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1927, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, the authorizations being valued at \$11,744,094; This was a seasonal decrease of 8.6 p.c. as compared with the November total of \$12,849,089, but an increase of 2.0 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$11,508,818 in December, 1926, the previous high level for the month.

Detailed statements were received from some fifty cities, showing that they had issued over 550 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$3,400,000 and about 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of some 1,200 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated to cost nearly \$6,000,000 and \$6,700,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, British Columbia registered an increase of \$675,721 or 48.7 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$724,207 or 17.5 p.c. in Quebec and \$493,670 or 7.6 p.c. in Ontario were the largest.

As compared with December, 1926, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building authorized, Ontario showing the most marked gain of \$2,697,364 or 82.0 p.c. The other provinces reported reductions in the value of building authorized, that of \$3,648,200 or 51.6 p.c. in Quebec being the greatest.

Montreal registered a decrease in the building permits issued as compared with November, and also as compared with the exceptionally high total of December, 1926. In Toronto and Vancouver there were increases in both comparisons, while Winnipeg showed a loss in the former and a gain in the latter. Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Sarnia, Brandon, Moose Jaw and Victoria recorded increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during December and in the twelve months of each year since 1920; the 1927 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The average index numbers of wholesale prices for building materials for those years are also given, (1913=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials
	In December	In Twelve Months	
1927	\$11,744,094	\$185,451,271	147.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	149.2
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	153.7
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	159.1
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	166.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	162.2
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	183.2
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	214.9

The December total for the 63 cities was the highest in the record, as shown above, while the unrevised statistics for 1927 also show that last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the seven preceding years, exceeding the previous high level of 1926 by 18.6 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities was exceeded only once (in 1913) since the record was begun in 1910.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in November and December, 1927, and December, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 cities.

Cities	December, 1927	November, 1927	December, 1926
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	29,335	67,583	18,917
New Glasgow	29,335	57,403	8,365
x Sydney	Nil	30	500
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	9,025	16,945	10,552
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	10,800
x Saint John	1,250	1,450	Nil
Quebec			
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	7,775	15,495	3,800
x Quebec	3,416,882	4,141,089	7,000
Shawinigan Falls	2,431,225	3,537,955	7,065,082
x Sherbrooke	27,275	348,554	6,890,170
x Three Rivers	Nil	9,500	47,522
x Westmount	65,000	49,100	1,300
Ontario			
Belleville	769,375	102,275	2,350
x Brantford	124,007	93,705	82,765
Chatham	5,988,646	6,482,316	40,975
x Fort William	536,550	13,075	3,291,282
Galt	6,585	31,276	4,700
x Guelph	51,900	12,450	11,700
x Hamilton	8,200	40,850	34,450
x Kingston	2,500	20,800	26,205
x Kitchener	3,295	27,235	565
x London	185,000	479,700	2,260
Niagara Falls	955	182,921	186,100
x Oshawa	13,162	71,188	810
x Ottawa	63,260	246,585	60,263
Owen Sound	43,540	111,575	114,415
x Peterborough	278,875	361,635	21,608
x Port Arthur	491,720	288,830	29,179
x Stratford	1,000	3,500	604,080
x St. Catharines	9,525	24,485	5,200
x St. Thomas	12,909	37,131	18,315
Sarnia	2,300	14,095	1,740
Sault Ste. Marie	84,915	87,198	765
x Toronto	550	3,475	21,970
York & East York Townships	75,765	57,452	2,220
Welland	1,740	9,315	17,825
x Windsor	3,330,107	3,011,568	1,435
Ford	237,850	623,525	1,240,785
Riverside	8,515	4,520	143,225
Sandwich	410,625	496,328	1,365
Walkerville	17,800	47,650	611,255
Woodstock	25,825	43,725	59,000
Manitoba			
x Brandon	11,050	33,100	27,400
St. Boniface	49,000	91,000	15,000
x Winnipeg	23,028	6,129	746
Saskatchewan			
x Moose Jaw	106,352	354,460	32,150
x Regina	30,000	4,900	8,425
x Saskatoon	11,602	50,610	6,175
Alberta			
x Calgary	64,750	298,950	17,550
x Edmonton	78,900	212,120	10,400
Lethbridge	29,800	6,145	600
Medicine Hat	8,450	52,400	2,800
British Columbia			
x Vancouver	40,650	153,575	7,000
Point Grey	50,563	185,906	87,850
North Vancouver	39,613	103,306	39,900
South Vancouver	3,025	51,770	38,950
x Victoria	7,700	12,370	Nil
Kamloops	225	18,460	9,000
Nanaimo	2,064,391	1,388,670	992,337
x New Westminster	320	Nil	42,594
Prince Rupert	Nil	2,950	2,960
x Vancouver	12,150	20,600	38,425
Point Grey	12,900	6,775	22,340
North Vancouver	968,385	625,370	408,175
South Vancouver	124,300	185,880	371,700
x Victoria	8,450	11,280	10,001
Point Grey	30,950	126,150	10,320
North Vancouver	906,936	409,665	19,822
Total- 63 Cities	11,744,094	12,849,089	11,508,818
x Total- 35 Cities	10,182,107	10,984,933	10,577,529

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1927, and JANUARY, 1927.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the aggregate was higher than in January, 1927 and also than in the same month of any other year since this record was instituted in 1920. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$7,708,904, as compared with \$11,755,566 in December, 1927, and \$5,676,537 in January, 1927. There was, therefore, a reduction of 34.4 p.c. in the former, but an increase of 35.8 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had granted over 600 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$3,000,000 and over 1,200 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,900,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 550 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with December, the last named showing the greatest gain. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, those of \$1,472,032 and \$1,775,582 in Quebec and Ontario respectively, were most pronounced.

As compared with January, 1927, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Alberta. The most marked advances were in Ontario and Quebec, where they stood at \$1,803,980 and \$1,024,020, respectively.

In Montreal and Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month, but increases over the corresponding month of last year. Winnipeg showed an advance in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the January total was less than in either December or January, 1927. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, York Townships, Riverside, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Regina, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, New Westminster, Point Grey and North Vancouver.

The value of the permits issued by 63 cities in January of the years 1920-28 is shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>
1928	\$ 7,708,904
1927	5,676,537
1926	4,719,534
1925	5,447,270
1924	4,460,579
1923	4,139,498
1922	3,326,537
1921	2,595,564
1920	4,017,024

The 1928 figure for January was the greatest in the record of nine years, being larger by 35.8 p.c. than in 1927, the previous high level, while wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in previous years since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by cities in January, 1928, and December and January, 1927. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus, "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities			
Cities	January 1928	December 1927	January 1927
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	25,275	29,335	6,989
New Glasgow	18,335	29,335	4,350
x Sydney	2,000	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	4,940	Nil	2,639
Fredericton	15,865	12,100	254,257
x Moncton	Nil	3,075	157
x Saint John	3,800	1,250	Nil
Quebec	12,065	7,775	254,100
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	1,944,850	3,416,882	920,830
x Quebec	1,225,480	2,431,225	839,305
Shawinigan Falls	583,570	27,275	39,350
x Sherbrooke	8,500	Nil	1,075
x Three Rivers	Nil	65,000	17,700
x Westmount	27,300	769,375	8,400
Ontario	100,000	124,007	15,000
Belleville	4,213,114	5,988,636	2,409,134
x Brantford	8,500	536,550	3,700
Chatham	14,648	6,585	3,150
x Fort William	18,000	50,900	22,175
Galt	2,920	8,200	4,000
x Guelph	900	2,500	5,365
x Hamilton	1,225	3,295	26,975
x Kingston	250,600	185,000	139,000
x Kitchener	6,770	955	5,325
x London	7,196	13,162	7,986
Niagara Falls	101,550	63,250	31,650
Oshawa	55,450	43,540	53,915
x Ottawa	51,500	278,875	12,665
Owen Sound	75,100	491,720	59,300
x Peterborough	2,500	1,000	Nil
x Port Arthur	7,515	9,525	16,835
x Stratford	633,675	12,909	101,708
x St. Catharines	1,100	2,300	450
x St. Thomas	33,910	84,915	29,925
Sarnia	800	550	340
Sault Ste. Marie	15,201	75,765	11,530
x Toronto	8,145	1,740	Nil
York & East York Townships	2,162,329	3,330,107	437,480
Welland	380,150	237,850	146,215
x Windsor	5,355	8,515	6,750
Ford	190,175	410,625	116,440
Riverside	4,000	17,800	34,500
Sandwich	80,800	25,525	37,800
Walkerville	54,100	11,050	47,500
Woodstock	38,000	49,000	40,000
Manitoba	1,000	23,628	6,455
x Brandon	127,475	106,352	55,965
St. Boniface	825	30,000	Nil
x Winnipeg	17,000	11,602	4,315
Saskatchewan	109,650	64,750	51,650
x Moose Jaw	53,950	78,900	33,105
x Regina	5,300	29,800	3,250
x Saskatoon	31,650	8,450	23,155
Alberta	17,000	40,650	6,700
x Calgary	130,922	50,633	145,225
x Edmonton	101,317	39,613	101,421
Lethbridge	13,650	3,025	35,950
Medicine Hat	15,430	7,770	7,854
British Columbia	525	225	Nil
Kamloops	1,197,453	2,072,728	1,851,032
Nanaimo	4,000	320	3,000
x New Westminster	5,980	Nil	141,600
Prince Rupert	92,145	12,150	52,383
x Vancouver	1/	12,900	5,850
Point Grey	587,640	968,385	1,253,545
North Vancouver	343,690	124,300	264,540
South Vancouver	29,910	8,450	19,995
x Victoria	78,600	30,950	82,700
	55,488	915,273	28,419
Total - 63 Cities	7,708,904	11,755,566	5,676,537
Total - 35 Cities	6,479,668	10,190,436	4,716,881

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
JANUARY, 1928, AND FEBRUARY, 1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,610,801 or 33.9 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$2,685,229 or 35.2 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$10,323,405 during the month under review, as compared with \$7,712,604 in January, 1928, and \$7,638,176 in February, 1927. The February, 1928, total was the highest for that month in the record for the 63 cities, which goes back to 1920, while building costs continued lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 700 permits for dwellings, valued at almost \$3,400,000 and nearly 1,600 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$6,860,000; the latter included the permit for a grain elevator in Vancouver, valued at \$2,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$3,000,000 and \$3,900,000, respectively.

New Brunswick and the four Western Provinces reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1928, while elsewhere comparatively small declines were indicated. The largest gain of \$2,308,482, or 192.2 p.c., took place in British Columbia; this was chiefly due to the authorized construction of a grain elevator in Vancouver, already mentioned.

As compared with February, 1927, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, that of \$1,919,547, or 120.7 p.c. in the last named being especially noteworthy. The decreases in the remaining provinces were small.

Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1928, but a slight reduction as compared with February of last year. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there were advances in both comparisons. Increases over the preceding month and the same month of last year were also reported in Halifax, Saint John, Three Rivers, Westmount, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Lethbridge, Kamloops, New Westminster, Point Grey, North and South Vancouver and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as the index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Indexes of value of permits issued (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months. (1913=100)
	In February	In first two months.		
1928	\$10,323,405	\$18,036,009	177.3	147.8
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	147.3
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	116.6	152.7
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	153.5
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	167.5
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	164.3
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	161.6
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	209.7
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	205.2

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1928 was higher by 35.4 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1927, the previous high level of this record of nine years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in January and February, 1928, and February, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.			
Cities	February, 1928	January, 1928	February, 1927
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	21,240	25,275	21,382
New Glasgow	21,240	18,335	20,382
x Sydney	Nil	2,000	1,000
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	18,950	15,865	19,911
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	91
x Saint John	Nil	3,800	15,460
Quebec	18,950	12,065	4,360
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,714,808	1,944,850	1,488,360
x Quebec	1,303,385	1,225,480	1,349,435
Shawinigan Falls	44,273	583,570	32,350
x Sherbrooke	Nil	8,500	3,575
x Three Rivers	11,600	Nil	4,750
x Westmount	80,350	27,300	36,550
Ontario	275,200	100,000	61,700
Belleville	4,159,242	4,213,114	4,239,080
x Brantford	100	8,500	1,200
Chatham	12,979	14,648	49,275
x Fort-William	13,100	18,000	5,000
Galt	537,300	2,920	539,300
x Guelph	2,795	900	15,225
x Hamilton	22,085	1,225	40,245
x Kingston	238,750	250,600	99,150
x Kitchener	14,170	6,770	28,310
x London	6,531	7,196	79,674
Niagara Falls	101,800	101,550	41,190
Oshawa	20,660	55,450	136,150
x Ottawa	106,625	51,500	94,900
Owen Sound	59,590	75,100	88,950
x Peterborough	7,200	2,500	Nil
x Port Arthur	17,860	7,515	700
x Stratford	10,175	633,675	76,865
x St. Catharines	965	1,100	3,615
x St. Thomas	25,475	33,910	45,030
Sarnia	1,000	800	820
Sault Ste. Marie	12,925	15,201	11,730
x Toronto	9,850	8,145	14,390
York & East York Townships	2,452,407	2,162,329	1,226,350
Welland	232,800	380,150	390,000
x Windsor	7,000	5,355	5,640
Ford	164,800	190,175	634,110
Riverside	11,525	4,000	82,860
Sandwich	19,400	80,800	8,300
Walkerville	4,100	54,100	60,950
Woodstock	43,000	38,000	457,000
Manitoba	2,275	1,000	2,151
x Brandon	395,100	127,475	98,400
St. Boniface	11,050	825	Nil
x Winnipeg	19,750	17,000	2,500
Saskatchewan	364,300	109,650	95,900
x Moose Jaw	131,625	53,950	45,625
x Regina	2,150	5,300	4,100
x Saskatoon	97,775	31,650	38,375
Alberta	31,700	17,000	3,150
x Calgary	372,805	130,922	135,330
x Edmonton	328,730	101,317	104,700
Lethbridge	27,835	13,650	30,190
Medicine Hat	15,455	15,430	440
British Columbia	785	525	Nil
Kamloops	3,509,635	1,201,153 1/2	1,590,088
Nanaimo	9,400	4,000	Nil
x New Westminster	4,100	5,980	100
Prince Rupert	147,300	92,145	74,210
x Vancouver	3,825	3,700	5,175
Point Grey	2,530,930	587,640	827,810
North Vancouver	516,780	343,690	478,700
South Vancouver	46,000	29,910	43,095
x Victoria	131,300	78,600	118,450
Total - 63 Cities	120,000	55,488	42,548
Total - 63 Cities	10,323,405	7,712,604 1/2	7,638,176
x Total - 35 Cities	9,082,655	6,479,668	5,699,554
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1928,
AND MARCH, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1928.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during March was \$14,916,247; this was an increase of \$4,592,842 or 44.5 p.c. over the February total of \$10,323,405, and of \$3,202,607 or 27.3 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$11,713,640 reported for the corresponding month in 1927. The March, 1928, total was the highest for that month in the record of the 63 cities. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, continued lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued in excess of \$5,100,000 and for some 2,200 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,600,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of over 700 dwellings and nearly 1,600 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$3,400,000 and \$6,800,000, respectively; the latter included the permit for a grain elevator in Vancouver, valued at \$2,000,000.

All provinces except British Columbia reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest absolute gain was that of \$1,871,832 or 45.0 p.c. in Ontario, but larger proportionate increases were shown in the other provinces.

As compared with March, 1927, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases, that of \$1,195,742, or 76.5 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. There were decreases in New Brunswick and British Columbia, the former showing a decline of 80.8 p.c. and the latter of 17.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg registered increases as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with March of last year. In Vancouver, on the other hand, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1928, or March, 1927.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1928,

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during March, and in the first three months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Indexes of value of permits issued first quarter (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1913 = 100)
	In March	In first quarter		
1928	\$14,916,247	\$32,952,256	174.3	147.8
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	132.4	147.3
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	152.3
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	153.8
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	95.4	167.3
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	103.0	164.9
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	161.1
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	207.8
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	208.1

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1928 was higher by 31.7 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1927, the previous high level of this record of nine years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in February and March, 1928, and March, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	March, 1928.	February, 1928.	March, 1927.
Prince Edward Island	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	-	-	Nil
x Halifax	898,175	21,240	37,739
New Glasgow	895,950	21,240	32,117
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	2,225	Nil	5,622
Fredericton	36,467	18,950	190,313
x Moncton	1/	Nil	386
x Saint John	11,650	Nil	158,020
Quebec	24,817	18,950	31,907
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,407,888	1,714,808	2,212,146
x Quebec	2,695,020	1,303,385	1,218,720
Shawinigan Falls	277,943	44,273	510,206
x Sherbrooke	1,600	Nil	23,765
x Three Rivers	28,850	11,600	27,705
x Westmount	36,375	80,350	271,825
Ontario	368,100	275,200	159,925
Belleville	6,031,074	4,159,242	6,029,261
x Brantford	10,275	100	7,450
Chatham	51,864	12,979	33,895
x Fort William	26,225	13,100	35,600
Galt	20,480	537,300	24,960
x Guelph	4,736	2,795	28,840
x Hamilton	43,195	22,085	54,981
x Kingston	1,115,400	238,750	377,500
x Kitchener	71,830	14,170	24,734
x London	48,049	6,531	39,649
Niagara Falls	209,535	101,800	224,755
Oshawa	201,471	20,660	197,038
x Ottawa	291,850	106,625	225,150
Owen Sound	46,250	59,590	244,275
x Peterborough	Nil	7,200	22,075
x Port Arthur	3,245	17,860	9,310
x Stratford	155,080	10,175	42,380
x St. Catharines	4,000	965	15,555
x St. Thomas	38,300	25,475	82,284
Sarnia	1,105	1,000	6,540
Sault Ste. Marie	64,015	12,925	96,292
x Toronto	7,630	9,850	41,250
York & East York Townships	2,787,485	2,452,407	2,261,313
Welland	335,850	232,800	508,050
x Windsor	7,000	7,000	98,455
Ford	312,955	164,800	822,315
Riverside	21,350	11,525	85,115
Sandwich	21,850	19,400	74,625
Walkerville	65,100	4,100	115,515
Woodstock	47,000	43,000	202,000
Manitoba	17,949	2,275	27,360
x Brandon	1,294,444	395,100	598,072
St. Boniface	7,044	11,050	25,602
x Winnipeg	96,800	19,750	25,420
Saskatchewan	1,190,600	364,300	547,050
x Moose Jaw	945,815	131,625	281,305
x Regina	7,555	2,150	9,445
x Saskatoon	231,910	97,775	121,205
Alberta	706,350	31,700	150,655
x Calgary	519,386	372,805	216,633
x Edmonton	293,626	328,730	119,013
Lethbridge	197,545	27,835	82,750
Medicine Hat	21,750	15,455	11,035
British Columbia	6,465	785	3,835
Kamloops	1,782,998	3,509,635	2,148,171
Nanaimo	3,575	9,400	35,749
x New Westminster	7,150	4,100	3,290
Prince Rupert	54,250	147,300	127,460
x Vancouver	80,900	3,825	6,550
Victoria	836,970	2,530,930	875,835
Whisper	457,230	516,780	766,870
Whisper	20,360	46,000	28,464
Victoria	222,545	131,300	119,900
Victoria	100,018	120,000	184,053
Total - 63 Cities	14,916,247	10,323,405	11,713,640
x Total - 35 Cities	12,038,601	9,082,655	8,923,561

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR MARCH, 1928, AND APRIL, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES
FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920 - 1928.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 63 cities which granted building permits valued at \$18,527,846 during April, as compared with \$14,916,247 in the preceding month and \$17,312,470 in the corresponding month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,611,599 or 24.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of \$1,215,376 or 7.0 p.c. in the second. The aggregate for the elapsed months of this year - \$51,480,102 - exceeds that for any other since the record was begun in 1920, while building costs continue lower than in any of the last eight years, except 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,600 permits for dwellings valued at over \$8,000,000 and for some 3,500 other buildings estimated to cost almost \$10,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of some 1,100 dwellings and 2,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,100,000 and \$9,600,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, the greatest gains, of \$1,889,077 or 31.3 p.c., and \$1,647,224 or 317.1 p.c., taking place in Ontario and Alberta, respectively. Nova Scotia and Quebec registered declines of 92.9 p.c. and 11.2 p.c., respectively.

As compared with April, 1927, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized. Alberta again indicated a pronounced advance, of \$1,612,852, or 291.3 p.c. Of the remaining provinces, Quebec recorded the greatest loss, of \$2,395,966 or 44.2 p.c., due to the exceptionally high total in April of last year in Quebec City.

Of the larger cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month and with April, 1927; in Montreal, on the other hand, there were losses in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault St. Marie, York Township, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Point Grey, North Vancouver and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued, as compared with March, 1928, and April, 1927.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Indexes of value of permits issued first four months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1913=100)
	In April	In first Four Months		
1928	\$18,527,846	\$51,480,102	149.0	148.2
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	122.5	147.2
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	120.2	152.0
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	102.6	154.0
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	91.8	166.5
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	112.9	165.5
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	99.9	160.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	78.3	204.6
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	100.	213.4

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was 21.6 p.c. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920 except 1927.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during April and March, 1928, and April, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	April, 1928	March, 1928	April, 1927
Prince Edward Island	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	-	-	Nil
x Halifax	63,555	898,175	400,320
New Glasgow	7,260	895,950	372,220
x Sydney	26,715	Nil	700
New Brunswick	29,580	2,225	27,400
Fredericton	120,595	36,467	40,259
x Moncton	10,115	Nil	8,229
x Saint John	52,580	11,650	22,275
Quebec	57,900	24,817	9,755
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	3,027,004	3,407,888	5,422,970
x Quebec	1,862,030	2,695,020	2,061,253
Shawinigan Falls	366,084	277,943	2,546,699
x Sherbrooke	80,065	1,600	44,040
x Three Rivers	23,600	28,850	112,025
x Westmount	124,175	36,375	425,300
Ontario	571,050	368,100	233,653
Belleville	7,920,151	6,031,074	7,301,063
x Brantford	87,655	10,275	24,045
Chatham	58,235	51,864	22,320
x Fort William	49,175	26,225	75,899
Galt	96,300	20,480	71,940
x Guelph	30,443	4,736	9,340
x Hamilton	43,876	43,195	78,360
x Kingston	814,800	1,115,400	371,400
x Kitchener	171,732	71,830	11,617
x London	133,830	48,049	136,478
Niagara Falls	336,725	209,535	403,460
Oshawa	104,895	201,471	298,163
x Ottawa	379,880	291,850	518,040
Owen Sound	351,150	46,250	300,030
x Peterborough	12,100	Nil	238,000
x Port Arthur	38,827	3,245	35,915
x Stratford	71,230	155,080	51,704
x St. Catharines	9,435	4,000	66,870
x St. Thomas	98,220	38,300	36,536
Sarnia	4,915	1,105	20,800
Sault Ste. Marie	48,575	64,015	99,475
x Toronto	39,506	7,630	39,033
York and East York Townships	3,103,740	2,787,485	2,207,632
Welland	1,013,406	335,850	754,475
x Windsor	44,480	7,000	60,040
Ford	463,438	312,955	634,515
Riverside	105,900	21,350	171,840
Sandwich	63,500	21,850	33,915
Walkerville	17,225	65,100	428,700
Woodstock	85,000	47,000	96,000
Manitoba	41,958	17,949	4,521
x Brandon	1,624,192	1,294,444	1,251,084
St. Boniface	24,992	7,044	619
x Winnipeg	150,300	96,800	53,765
Saskatchewan	1,448,900	1,190,600	1,196,700
x Moose Jaw	1,052,770	945,815	615,340
x Regina	50,360	7,555	61,100
x Saskatoon	413,005	231,910	283,170
Alberta	589,405	706,350	271,070
x Calgary	2,166,610	519,386	553,758
x Edmonton	1,407,750	293,626	292,192
Lethbridge	568,615	197,545	221,935
Medicine Hat	185,765	21,750	38,940
British Columbia	4,480	6,465	691
Kamloops	2,552,969	1,782,998	1,727,676
Nanaimo	22,347	3,575	12,935
x New Westminster	3,220	7,150	14,585
Prince Rupert	123,800	54,250	177,450
x Vancouver	18,000	80,900	18,800
Point Grey	1,118,187	836,970	735,731
North Vancouver	481,320	457,230	464,460
South Vancouver	485,740	20,360	51,495
x Victoria	115,700	222,545	129,043
Total - 63 Cities	184,655	100,018	123,177
Total - 63 Cities	18,527,846	14,916,247	17,312,470
Total - 35 Cities	14,820,381	12,038,601	13,623,301

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1928,
AND JULY, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1928.

The value of the building authorized during July showed an increase of \$3,268,079 or 14.4 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, and of \$9,527,791 or 58.2 p.c. as compared with July, 1927. The aggregate for the 63 cities was \$25,896,986, as against \$22,628,907 in June, and \$16,369,195 in the same month of last year. The total for July, 1928, is the highest for that month since the series was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,700 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$7,000,000, and some 2,800 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$18,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,700 dwellings and 3,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively.

Increases as compared with June, 1928, were reported in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan, that of \$4,629,679 or 43.3 p.c. in Ontario being especially pronounced. Elsewhere there were reductions, of which that of \$1,925,702 or 32.7 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1927, all provinces registered improvement, the gain in Ontario of \$6,394,357 or 71.7 p.c. being especially noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported marked increases as compared with June, 1928, and July, 1927; Montreal and Winnipeg recorded losses in the former, and increases in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver there was a falling-off in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Fort William, Kingston, Welland, Windsor, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Medicine Hat, North Vancouver and Victoria showed gains as compared with both June, 1928, and July, 1927.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Indexes of value of permits issued, first seven months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1913 = 100)
	In July	In first seven months		
	\$	\$		
1928	25,896,986	127,503,184	168.9	149.1
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	147.4
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	129.1	150.2
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	154.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	163.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	166.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	161.5
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	194.5
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	215.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 2 p.c. than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June and July, 1928, and July, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus, "x".

Table 1.-Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	July, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1927
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	\$ 819,817	\$ 78,630	\$ 450,784
New Glasgow	810,885	55,070	436,285
x Sydney	950	775	750
New Brunswick	7,982	22,785	13,749
Fredericton	159,854	209,608	66,057
x Moncton	70,900	-	53
x Saint John	14,515	13,060	7,050
Quebec	74,439	196,548	58,954
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,960,649	5,886,351	2,880,788
x Quebec	3,301,769	4,203,976	1,984,988
Shawinigan Falls	230,905	497,125	342,710
x Sherbrooke	28,625	522,870	61,550
x Three Rivers	12,300	204,300	31,200
x Westmount	139,450	215,150	169,725
Ontario	247,600	242,930	290,615
Belleville	15,310,083	10,680,404	8,915,726
x Brantford	5,200	14,800	15,800
Chatham	69,165	83,954	54,203
x Fort William	50,450	60,185	43,900
Galt	747,000	100,760	44,825
x Guelph	25,560	38,230	8,190
x Hamilton	33,905	76,420	31,922
x Kingston	427,000	882,650	312,250
x Kitchener	52,304	35,191	19,129
x London	162,239	274,331	63,193
Niagara Falls	318,715	336,070	302,350
Oshawa	46,275	44,139	130,372
x Ottawa	207,310	352,580	566,325
Owen Sound	288,535	452,715	205,450
x Peterborough	24,225	96,900	13,500
x Port Arthur	37,885	25,013	307,557
x Stratford	433,430	101,845	2,188,755
x St. Catharines	19,500	27,650	36,225
x St. Thomas	51,000	121,810	263,732
Sarnia	24,510	43,150	6,430
Sault Ste. Marie	43,334	200,098	300,095
x Toronto	22,153	59,887	72,450
York and East York Townships	10,606,253	5,174,450	2,675,055
Welland	656,800	1,079,135	522,075
x Windsor	148,671	6,870	43,019
Ford	586,282	325,033	300,466
Riverside	34,530	223,175	49,500
Sandwich	25,860	67,550	62,300
Walkerville	38,700	240,225	159,080
Woodstock	69,000	110,000	100,000
Manitoba	54,292	25,588	17,478
x Brandon	1,015,685	1,234,590	906,751
St. Boniface	13,055	81,825	41,618
x Winnipeg	166,780	35,365	68,433
Saskatchewan	835,850	1,117,400	796,700
x Moose Jaw	2,438,690	1,357,475	1,465,527
x Regina	629,150	36,930	196,267
x Saskatoon	1,176,540	624,170	827,910
Alberta	633,000	696,375	441,350
x Calgary	892,607	1,349,745	401,828
x Edmonton	523,107	688,203	177,373
Lethbridge	316,875	634,010	170,905
Medicine Hat	37,070	22,485	51,360
British Columbia	15,555	5,047	2,190
Kamloops	1,299,601	1,832,104	1,281,734
Nanaimo	9,053	8,400	800
x New Westminster	Nil	4,500	8,243
Prince Rupert	56,000	92,360	69,431
x Vancouver	22,000	2,200	22,275
Point Grey	412,875	1,121,614	600,272
North Vancouver	373,140	417,230	357,200
South Vancouver	198,040	25,190	22,635
x Victoria	101,350	123,600	123,400
	127,143	37,010	77,478
Total - 63 Cities	25,896,986	22,628,907	16,369,195
xTotal - 53 Cities	23,421,163	18,841,883	13,546,222

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
 FOR JULY, 1928, AND AUGUST, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES
 FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1928.

There was a decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1928, as compared with the exceptionally large totals reported in both July, 1928, and August, 1927, but the aggregate for the elapsed months of this year continued considerably higher than in any other year of the record. The 63 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$17,383,279; this was 32.9 p.c. lower than in the preceding month and 41.0 p.c. lower than in the same month of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued over 1,600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,000,000 and nearly 2,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$7,650,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 1,700 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings estimated at about \$7,000,000 and \$18,000,000, respectively.

Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported gains as compared with July, 1928, that of \$667,070, or 16.8 p.c., in Quebec being most noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere registered, that in Ontario of \$8,425,418 or 55.0 p.c. was greatest.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year, Nova Scotia showing the greatest proportionate increase and Ontario the largest actual advance. Quebec registered a pronounced decrease from the unusually high total of August, 1927.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg showed improvement as compared with both July, 1928 and August, 1927; in Montreal and Vancouver, there were increases in the latter and reductions in the former comparison, while Toronto recorded an increase over the corresponding month of 1927, but a falling-off from July, 1928. Of the remaining centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Ford, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Point Grey and Victoria reported gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	First eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1913=100)
	\$	\$		
1928	17,383,279	144,886,463	175.5	149.1
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	147.4
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	155.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	162.6
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	166.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	161.8
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	192.1
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	214.6

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 14.4 p.c. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during July and August, 1928, and August, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 63 cities.

Cities	August, 1928	July, 1928	August, 1927
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	-	-	nil
x Halifax	432,270	819,817	65,925
New Glasgow	407,045	810,885	60,700
x Sydney	5,275	950	100
New Brunswick	19,950	7,982	5,125
Fredericton	66,600	159,854	65,156
x Moncton	nil	70,900	1,628
x Saint John	43,045	14,515	23,545
Quebec	23,555	74,439	39,983
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	4,627,719	3,960,649	19,722,215
x Quebec	3,634,211	3,301,769	19,206,553
Shawinigan Falls	607,408	230,905	250,637
x Sherbrooke	12,400	28,625	32,550
x Three Rivers	17,200	12,300	31,550
x Westmount	63,150	139,450	170,325
Ontario	293,350	247,600	30,600
Belleville	6,884,665	15,310,083	5,837,231
x Brantford	19,000	5,200	2,250
Chatham	82,022	69,165	52,648
x Fort William	78,875	50,450	71,850
Galt	44,700	747,000	97,825
x Guelph	50,052	25,560	1,860
x Hamilton	39,105	33,905	39,774
x Kingston	443,400	427,000	502,650
x Kitchener	26,372	52,304	47,112
x London	52,682	162,239	193,903
Niagara Falls	155,670	318,715	202,635
Oshawa	58,680	46,275	47,180
x Ottawa	205,445	207,310	353,375
Owen Sound	400,220	288,535	230,070
x Peterborough	3,200	24,225	7,050
x Port Arthur	14,095	37,885	9,435
x Stratford	35,810	433,430	47,944
x St.Catharines	17,209	19,500	15,799
x St.Thomas	40,119	51,000	51,940
Sarnia	11,980	24,510	17,575
Sault Ste. Marie	48,269	43,334	89,215
x Toronto	63,106	22,153	26,157
York and East York Townships	3,719,454	10,606,253	2,724,623
Welland	628,005	656,800	496,100
x Windsor	19,345	148,671	15,855
Ford	276,905	586,282	240,400
Riverside	112,300	34,530	78,030
Sandwich	28,300	25,860	32,450
Walkerville	21,300	38,700	79,335
Woodstock	173,000	69,000	54,000
Manitoba	16,045	54,292	8,291
x Brandon	1,270,115	1,015,685	797,275
St. Boniface	137,330	13,055	83,175
x Winnipeg	85,735	166,780	90,050
Saskatchewan	1,047,050	835,850	624,050
x Moose Jaw	1,864,897	2,438,690	1,086,298
x Regina	21,650	629,150	338,788
x Saskatoon	1,338,620	1,176,540	411,375
Alberta	504,627	633,000	336,135
x Calgary	899,775	892,607	483,561
x Edmonton	692,880	523,107	170,941
Lethbridge	171,155	316,875	233,785
Medicine Hat	24,520	37,070	51,510
British Columbia	11,220	15,555	27,325
Kamloops	1,337,238	1,299,601	1,420,717
Nanaimo	4,100	9,053	5,500
x New Westminster	750	nil	8,650
Prince Rupert	63,175	56,000	116,210
x Vancouver	17	22,000	8,565
Point Gray	588,735	412,875	717,504
North Vancouver	423,490	373,140	345,040
South Vancouver	38,590	198,040	29,170
x Victoria	90,600	101,350	140,000
	127,798	127,143	50,078
Total - 63 Cities	17,383,279	25,896,986	29,478,378
xTotal - 35 Cities	14,512,942	23,421,163	27,375,392

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1928,
AND SEPTEMBER 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during September stood at \$21,302,746; this was an increase of \$3,917,872 or 22.5 p.c. as compared with the total of \$17,384,874 reported in August, and of \$6,840,503 or 47.3 p.c. in comparison with the September, 1927, aggregate of \$14,462,243. The September, 1928, total was higher than in the same month of any other year of the record, while the cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by over \$25,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 2,000 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,700,000 and nearly 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$13,500,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,600 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$8,000,000 and \$7,600,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1928, British Columbia showing the greatest advance of \$2,913,913, or 217.6 p.c. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that in Nova Scotia of \$359,725, or 83.2 p.c. was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1927, there were gains in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, of which that of \$2,648,147 or 165.0 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick reductions were indicated.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered higher totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Winnipeg, there was a decrease in the former comparison, but an increase in the latter, while in Vancouver, on the other hand, the permits had a higher valuation than in August, but were lower than in September, 1927. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, York Townships, Windsor, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, New Westminster, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Victoria showed advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during September and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building mater- ials in first nine months. (1913=100)
	\$	\$		
1928	21,302,746	166,290,804	173.0	149.2
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	147.5
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	149.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	154.0
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	161.5
1923	10,768,398	108,319,972	112.7	166.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	161.9
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	189.3
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	215.1

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 17.8 p.c. greater than in September, 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.
Revised total.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated by Permits issued by 63 Cities			
Cities	September, 1928	August, 1928	September, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	72,545	432,270	110,957
New Glasgow	43,845	407,045	101,172
x Sydney	20,150	5,275	2,485
New Brunswick	8,550	19,950	7,300
Fredericton	80,684	66,600	112,065
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	636
x Saint John	11,493	43,045	12,960
Quebec	69,191	23,555	98,469
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	5,225,772	4,627,719	3,900,960
x Quebec	4,056,788	3,634,211	2,635,295
Shawinigan Falls	543,134	607,408	508,420
x Sherbrooke	60,000	12,400	29,125
x Three Rivers	229,900	17,200	35,100
x Westmount	120,800	63,150	87,650
Ontario	215,150	293,350	605,370
Belleville	8,440,930	6,884,665	7,082,059
x Brantford	4,450	19,000	14,725
Chatham	175,548	82,022	43,265
x Fort William	73,550	78,875	15,250
Galt	156,140	44,700	56,150
x Guelph	48,962	50,052	14,500
x Hamilton	29,095	39,105	65,388
x Kingston	708,350	443,400	244,250
x Kitchener	67,680	26,372	10,870
x London	106,105	52,682	181,875
Niagara Falls	214,065	155,670	408,825
Oshawa	142,725	58,680	38,627
x Ottawa	168,130	205,445	775,490
Owen Sound	284,210	400,220	609,465
x Peterborough	8,500	3,200	2,525
x Port Arthur	256,105	14,095	16,630
x Stratford	90,641	35,810	126,300
x St. Catharines	20,651	17,209	17,495
x St. Thomas	64,215	40,119	130,390
Sarnia	3,269	11,980	12,215
Sault Ste. Marie	14,354	48,269	130,983
x Toronto	31,163	63,106	24,640
York & East York Townships	4,085,590	3,719,454	2,761,272
Welland	854,608	628,005	546,925
x Windsor	12,435	19,345	83,455
Ford	566,660	276,905	464,170
Riverside	53,300	112,300	114,700
Sandwich	35,700	28,300	63,525
Walkerville	13,100	21,300	22,695
Woodstock	124,000	173,000	78,000
Manitoba	27,629	16,045	7,459
x Brandon	1,051,260	1,270,115	854,404
St. Boniface	11,530	137,330	6,394
x Winnipeg	51,880	85,735	87,960
Saskatchewan	987,850	1,047,050	760,050
Moose Jaw	1,431,788	1,864,897	447,157
Regina	172,213	21,650	86,617
Saskatoon	524,720	1,338,620	176,925
Alberta	734,855	504,627	183,615
Calgary	746,560	899,775	350,042
Edmonton	557,025	692,880	163,627
Lethbridge	133,940	171,155	167,180
Medicine Hat	43,220	24,520	12,380
British Columbia	12,375	11,220	1,855
Kamloops	4,252,746	1,338,833	1,604,594
Nanaimo	13,235	4,100	95,899
New Westminster	3,200	750	4,597
Prince Rupert	1,036,225	63,175	65,050
Vancouver	2,089	1,595	37,350
Point Grey	760,406	588,735	850,480
North Vancouver	766,850	423,490	332,150
South Vancouver	8,305	38,590	18,700
Victoria	156,350	90,600	120,740
	1,505,286	127,798	79,625
Total - 63 Cities	21,302,746	17,304,874	14,462,243
Total - 35 Cities	18,551,225	14,572,942	12,701,861

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER,
1928, AND OCTOBER, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS,
1920-1928.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October was \$21,508,672; this was an increase of \$206,387 or nearly 1 p.c. as compared with the September total of \$21,302,285, and of \$2,660,653, or 14.1 p.c., over the aggregate of \$18,848,019 for October, 1927. The value in the month under review was greater than in October of any year for which statistics of these centres are available, while the cumulative total for the elapsed months of 1928 exceeds by nearly \$28,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level of this record, which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 3,300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$7,800,000 and about 3,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$11,700,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$6,700,000 and \$13,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1928, that of \$2,279,554, or 27.0 p.c., in Ontario being most noteworthy.

In the more significant comparison with October, 1927, there were gains in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In this comparison, Saskatchewan recorded the greatest gain, of \$1,414,750, or 324.2 p.c.

Toronto and Winnipeg showed improvement over both September, 1928, and October, 1927; in Montreal, there was a reduction in comparison with the preceding month, but an increase over the same month in 1927, while in Vancouver the total was lower than in either comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Guelph, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, York Townships, Windsor, Ford, Sandwich, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina and Edmonton registered increases as compared with September, 1928, and October, 1927.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first ten months, (1920 = 100).	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months (1913 = 100).
1928	\$ 21,508,672	\$ 187,697,420	176.2	149.2
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	150.2	147.6
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	126.6	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	102.9	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	103.2	160.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	111.0	166.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	119.7	162.0
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	93.7	187.0
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	100.0	215.5

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 17.3 p.c. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities

Cities	October, 1928	September, 1928	October, 1927
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	299,844	72,545	106,283
New Glasgow	23,917	43,845	87,301
x Sydney	680	20,150	900
New Brunswick	75,247	8,550	13,082
Fredericton	72,830	80,684	45,572
x Moncton			187
x Saint John	23,985	11,493	2,050
Quebec	48,845	69,191	36,335
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	5,545,895	5,225,772	5,263,243
x Quebec	3,808,575	4,056,788	3,715,774
Shawinigan Falls	790,815	543,134	680,599
x Sherbrooke	11,680	60,000	22,120
x Three Rivers	186,800	229,900	26,300
x Westmount	39,475	120,800	72,725
Ontario	708,450	215,150	745,725
Belleville	10,720,484	8,440,930	10,135,736
x Brantford	18,000	4,450	21,550
Chatham	148,348	175,548	54,330
x Fort William	27,700	73,550	26,425
Galt	32,650	156,140	62,850
x Guelph	26,831	48,962	13,383
x Hamilton	68,955	29,095	45,589
x Kingston	442,750	708,350	435,800
x Kitchener	35,228	67,680	26,283
x London	81,456	106,105	154,435
Niagara Falls	149,225	214,065	321,030
Oshawa	1,092,430	142,725	207,160
x Ottawa	364,133	168,130	520,973
Owen Sound	264,760	284,210	3,191,410
x Peterborough	5,150	8,500	12,050
x Port Arthur	39,720	256,205	22,335
x Stratford	44,910	90,641	30,050
x St. Catharines	19,583	20,651	14,650
x St. Thomas	538,605	64,215	62,649
Sarnia	8,250	3,269	3,695
Sault Ste. Marie	137,903	14,354	40,210
x Toronto	33,261	31,163	29,152
York and East York Townships	4,805,329	4,085,590	3,733,986
Welland	1,020,010	854,608	698,420
x Windsor	15,730	12,435	19,630
Wood	831,295	566,660	74,933
Riverside	61,200	53,300	53,125
Sandwich	18,300	35,700	3,450
Walkerville	216,850	13,100	127,575
Woodstock	124,000	124,000	110,000
Manitoba	47,922	27,629	13,608
x Brandon	1,210,310	1,051,260	504,277
St. Boniface	34,520	11,530	8,982
x Winnipeg	68,040	51,880	49,695
Saskatchewan	1,107,750	987,850	445,600
x Moose Jaw	1,851,175	1,431,788	436,425
x Regina	17,370	172,213	106,925
x Saskatoon	1,181,105	524,720	207,800
Alberta	652,700	734,855	121,700
Calgary	589,141	746,560	625,952
Edmonton	387,854	557,025	255,162
Lethbridge	175,840	133,940	174,420
Medicine Hat	20,500	47,220	195,015
British Columbia	4,947	12,375	4,355
Kamloops	1,218,993	4,252,746	1,727,531
Nanaimo	7,615	13,935	24,385
New Westminster	2,077	3,300	12,800
Prince Rupert	26,610	1,036,225	166,750
Vancouver	1,000	2,089	101,380
Point Grey	705,775	760,406	901,205
North Vancouver	306,940	766,850	336,780
South Vancouver	6,570	8,305	15,320
Victoria	100,300	156,350	31,550
	63,106	1,505,286	77,361
Total - 63 Cities	21,508,672	21,302,285	18,848,019
Total - 35 Cities	17,769,903	18,551,225	16,091,821

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1928.
AND NOVEMBER, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS,
1920-1928

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 63 cities during November was \$15,822,401. This was a seasonal decline of \$5,639,411 or 26.4 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$21,511,812, but an increase of \$8,964,779 or 23.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the aggregate of \$12,857,622 for November, 1927. The total for November, 1928, was greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 63 centres are available. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1928 exceeds by nearly \$31,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level of this nine years' record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$6,000,000 and about 2,600 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$6,900,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,300 dwellings and 3,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$7,800,000 and \$11,700,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the construction represented by the permits issued as compared with October, that of \$1,427,912 or 116.8 p.c. in the last named being especially large. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$3,229,639 or 30.1 p.c. in Ontario was the largest.

As compared with November, 1927, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec reported increases; that of \$1,007,929 or 15.5 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto and Winnipeg recorded seasonal declines as compared with the preceding month, but increases over November of a year ago; in Montreal there was a falling-off in both comparisons, while Vancouver registered a higher total than in October, 1928, or November, 1927. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, London, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Walkerville, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver, reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1928.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The January-November index numbers of the wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eleven months, (1920=100)	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (1913=100)
	\$	\$		
1928	15,822,401	203,522,961	181.4	149.3
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	154.1	147.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	129.2	149.3
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	104.9	153.5
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	107.1	159.8
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	112.8	166.9
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	123.6	162.0
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	99.2	185.0
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	100.0	215.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 17.7 p.c. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in most of the years since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in October and November, 1928, and November, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.			
Cities	November, 1928	October, 1928	November, 1927
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
x Halifax	67,470 ✓	299,844	67,583 ✓
New Glasgow	48,365	223,917	57,403
x Sydney	4,970	680	730
New Brunswick	14,135	75,247	9,450
Fredericton	82,245 ✓	72,830	17,145 ✓
x Moncton	-	-	200
x Saint John	66,360	23,985	1,450
Quebec	15,885	48,845	15,495
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	4,090,950 ✓	5,545,895	4,141,089 ✓
x Quebec	3,006,272	3,808,675	3,537,955
Shawinigan Falls	270,895	790,815	348,554
x Sherbrooke	242,075	11,680	9,500
x Three Rivers	95,683	186,800	49,100
x Westmount	92,625	39,475	102,275
Ontario	383,400	708,450	93,705
Belleville	7,490,845 ✓	10,720,484	6,482,916 ✓
x Brantford	23,093	18,000	13,075
Chatham	26,413	148,348	31,276
x Fort William	41,600	27,700	12,450
Galt	23,850	32,650	40,850
x Guelph	56,685	26,831	20,800
x Hamilton	2,770	68,955	27,235
x Kingston	381,550	442,750	479,700
x Kitchener	132,920	35,228	182,921
x London	26,458	81,456	71,188
Niagara Falls	331,370	149,225	246,585
Oshawa	43,205	1,092,430	111,575
x Ottawa	78,225	364,133	361,635
Owen Sound	245,915	264,760	288,830
x Peterborough	11,600	5,150	3,500
x Port Arthur	29,360	39,720	24,485
x Stratford	250,469	44,910	37,131
x St. Catharines	14,007	19,583	14,095
x St. Thomas	141,947	538,605	87,198
Sarnia	231,114	8,250	3,475
Sault Ste. Marie	48,352	137,903	57,452
x Toronto	61,095	33,261	9,915
York & East York Townships	3,766,443	4,805,329	3,011,568
Welland	874,373	1,020,010	623,525
x Windsor	550	15,730	4,520
Ford	224,295	831,295	496,328
Riverside	49,750	61,200	47,650
Sandwich	20,250	18,300	43,725
Walkerville	50,350	216,850	33,100
Woodstock	292,000	124,000	91,000
Manitoba	10,836	47,922	6,129
x Brandon	375,075 ✓	1,210,310	354,360 ✓
St. Boniface	12,700	34,520	4,900
x Winnipeg	59,725	68,040	50,610
Saskatchewan	302,650	1,107,750	298,850
x Moose Jaw	390,746 ✓	1,851,175	212,120 ✓
x Regina	27,400	17,370	6,145
x Saskatoon	189,221	1,181,105	52,400
Alberta	174,125	652,700	153,575
x Calgary	675,025 ✓	589,141	185,906 ✓
x Edmonton	378,709	387,854	103,306
Lethbridge	224,221	175,840	51,770
Medicine Hat	57,220	20,500	12,370
British Columbia	14,875	4,947	18,460
Kamloops	2,650,045 ✓	1,222,133	1,396,503 ✓
Nanaimo	25,200	7,615	-
x New Westminster	5,500	2,077	2,950
Prince Rupert	182,820	26,610	20,600
x Vancouver	6,255	3,140	6,275
Point Grey	1,930,500	705,775	625,370
North Vancouver	300,840	306,940	135,880
South Vancouver	18,780	6,570	11,280
x Victoria	93,800	100,300	126,150
Victoria	36,350	63,106	417,998
Total - 63 Cities	15,822,401	1/21,511,312	12,857,622
x Total - 35 Cities	13,331,197	17,769,903	10,993,166

1/ Corrected Total

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1928, AND DECEMBER, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE
FIGURES FOR THE YEARS 1920-1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1928, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, the authorizations being valued at \$16,742,139; this was an increase of 5.8 p.c. as compared with the November total of \$15,822,401 and of 42.4 p.c. over the aggregate of \$11,755,566 in December, 1927, the previous high level for the month.

Detailed statements were received from some 45 cities, showing that they had issued nearly 600 permits for dwellings valued at some \$3,000,000 and about 1,400 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$12,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of some 1,100 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and \$6,900,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the authorized building, the gain of \$2,859,835, or 38.1 p.c. in Ontario being especially pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere indicated, that of \$755,738 or 28.5 p.c. in British Columbia was the greatest absolute reduction, but larger proportional losses were noted in New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta.

All provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia recorded increases over December, 1927, in the value of the building authorized. Ontario showed the most marked absolute gain of \$4,362,044 or 72.8 p.c., but the greatest proportional advance was in Saskatchewan.

Montreal and Toronto registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, and also in comparison with December, 1927. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and gains in the latter comparison. Halifax, Sydney, Brantford, Chatham, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, Stratford, Riverside, Walkerville, Woodstock, Regina, Nanaimo, Point Grey and South Vancouver recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1928.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1928 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The table also gives index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100. Average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-1928 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1920 = 100).	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (1913 = 100).
	\$	\$		
1928	16,742,139	220,265,100	188.2	149.3
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	157.8	147.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	133.6	149.2
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	153.7
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	108.2	159.1
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	166.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	162.2
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	99.8	183.2
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	214.9

The December total for the 63 cities was the highest in the record, as shown above, while the unrevised statistics for 1928 indicate that last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the eight preceding years, exceeding the previous high level of 1927 by over 19 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities - \$187,014,118 - is also the highest in the record (which for these 35 centres goes back to 1910) slightly exceeding the previous maximum of \$155,233,449 in 1912.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 33 cities in November, and December, 1928, and December, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.			
Cities	December, 1928	November, 1928	December, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	-	nil
Nova Scotia	89,060	67,470	29,335
x Halifax	72,835	48,365	29,335
New Glasgow	700	4,970	nil
x Sydney	15,525	14,135	nil
New Brunswick	11,850	82,245	12,100
Fredericton	1/ -	-	3,075
x Moncton	1,310	66,360	1,250
x Saint John	10,540	15,885	7,775
Quebec	3,345,317	4,090,950	3,416,882
x Montreal--x Maisonneuve	3,183,850	3,006,272	2,431,225
x Quebec	235,017	270,895	27,275
Shawinigan Falls	15,000	242,075	nil
x Sherbrooke	27,300	95,683	65,000
x Three Rivers	63,775	92,625	769,375
x Westmount	120,375	383,400	124,007
Ontario	10,350,680	7,490,845	5,988,636
Belleville	6,200	23,093	536,550
x Brantford	35,288	26,413	6,585
Chatham	62,700	41,600	51,900
x Fort William	4,400	23,850	8,200
Galt	5,450	56,685	2,500
x Guelph	38,185	2,770	3,295
x Hamilton	145,400	381,550	185,000
x Kingston	678,203	132,920	955
x Kitchener	295,830	26,458	13,162
x London	76,870	331,370	63,250
Niagara Falls	36,465	43,205	43,540
Oshawa	524,732	78,225	278,875
x Ottawa	2,532,240	245,915	491,720
Owen Sound	2,500	11,600	1,000
x Peterborough	16,765	29,360	9,525
x Port Arthur	23,410	250,469	12,909
x Stratford	22,475	14,007	2,300
x St. Catharines	17,510	141,947	84,915
x St. Thomas	2,185	231,114	550
Sarnia	52,750	48,352	75,765
Sault Ste. Marie	3,788	61,095	1,740
x Toronto	4,290,021	3,766,443	3,330,107
York & East York Townships	348,395	874,373	237,850
Welland	3,500	550	8,515
x Windsor	249,025	224,295	410,625
Ford	42,985	49,750	17,800
Windsor	43,100	20,250	25,825
Windsor	6,300	50,350	11,050
Walkerville	657,000	292,000	49,000
Woodstock	127,008	10,836	23,628
Manitoba	145,165	375,075	106,352
x Brandon	920	12,700	30,000
St. Boniface	30,995	59,725	11,602
x Winnipeg	113,250	302,650	64,750
Saskatchewan	454,425	390,746	78,900
x Moose Jaw	2,450	27,400	29,300
x Regina	283,975	189,221	8,450
x Saskatoon	168,000	174,125	40,650
Alberta	151,335	675,025	50,633
x Calgary	100,520	373,709	39,613
x Edmonton	27,060	224,221	3,025
Lethbridge	18,480	57,220	7,770
Medicine Hat	5,275	14,875	225
British Columbia	1,394,307	2,650,045	2,072,728
Kamloops	6,000	25,200	320
Nanaimo	7,115	5,500	nil
x New Westminster	23,310	182,820	12,750
Prince Rupert	1/ -	6,255	12,900
x Vancouver	1,223,717	1,930,500	968,385
Point Grey	335,190	300,840	124,300
North Vancouver	11,730	13,730	8,450
South Vancouver	164,000	93,800	30,950
x Victoria	123,245	36,350	915,273
Total - 63 Cities	16,742,139	15,822,401	11,755,566
xTotal - 35 Cities	14,224,781	13,331,197	10,190,436

1/ Reports not received.

Note: From January 1, 1929, there will be only 61 cities shown in this record owing to the amalgamation of Point Grey and South Vancouver with Vancouver. The areas and population covered, however, remain the same.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1928, AND JANUARY, 1928.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the aggregate was rather higher than in January, 1928, and was also greater than in the same month of any other year since this record was instituted in 1920. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$8,364,670, as compared with \$16,095,160 in December, 1928, and \$7,716,587 in January, 1928. There was, therefore, a reduction of 48.0 p.c. in the former, but an increase of 8.4 p.c. in the latter more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had granted nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at about \$2,600,000 and over 900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 600 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$3,000,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and Manitoba reported increases of 375.6 p.c. and 80.3 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, those of \$4,819,125 and \$2,585,012 in Ontario and Quebec respectively were most pronounced.

As compared with January, 1928, there were increases in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The most marked advance was in Ontario, where the value of the building authorized increased by \$658,033 or 15.6 p.c. The chief reduction was recorded in Quebec.

In Montreal, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month, and with the corresponding month of last year. Winnipeg showed an advance in both comparisons, while in Toronto and Vancouver the January totals were lower than in December, but higher than in January, 1928. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Halifax, Galt, Hamilton, York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Sandwich, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Prince Rupert, and Victoria.

The value of the permits issued by 61 cities in January of the years 1920-29 is shown below.

Year	Value
1929	\$ 8,364,670
1928	7,716,587
1927	5,676,537
1926	4,719,534
1925	5,447,270
1924	4,460,579
1923	4,139,498
1922	3,326,537
1921	2,595,564
1920	4,017,024

As previously stated, the 1929 figure for January was the largest in the record of ten years, exceeding by 8.4 p.c. the figure of 1928, the previous high level.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1929, and December and January, 1928. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus, "X".

/ Point Grey and South Vancouver being amalgamated with Vancouver as from January 1, 1929, the number of co-operating cities is reduced by two, but the areas and population covered remain the same.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January 1929	December 1928	January 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	423,450	89,030	25,275
New Glasgow	423,400	72,805	18,335
x Sydney	50	700	2,000
New Brunswick	Nil	15,525	4,940
Fredericton	5,385	11,850	15,965
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	1/-	1,310	3,900
Quebec	5,385	10,540	12,065
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,060,305	3,645,317	1,944,350
x Quebec	856,515	3,183,850	1,224,980
Shawinigan Falls	65,890	235,017	583,570
x Sherbrooke	8,000	15,000	8,500
x Three Rivers	27,000	27,300	Nil
x Westmount	18,900	63,775	27,300
Ontario	84,000	120,375	100,000
Belleville	4,871,197	9,690,322	4,213,164
x Brantford	Nil	6,200	8,500
Chatham	3,884	35,288	14,648
x Fort William	1,500	62,700	18,000
Galt	3,200	4,400	2,920
x Guelph	23,374	5,450	900
x Hamilton	7,640	38,185	1,225
x Kingston	283,800	145,400	250,600
x Kitchener	9,310	17,845	6,770
x London	17,067	295,830	7,196
Niagara Falls	28,125	76,870	101,550
Oshawa	37,212	36,465	55,450
x Ottawa	560	524,732	51,550
Owen Sound	255,400	2,532,240	75,100
x Peterborough	Nil	2,500	2,500
x Port Arthur	11,450	16,765	7,515
x Stratford	9,310	23,410	633,675
x St. Catharines	3,815	22,475	1,100
x St. Thomas	18,075	17,510	33,910
Sarnia	950	2,185	800
Sault Ste. Marie	30,236	52,750	15,201
x Toronto	4,484	3,788	8,145
York and East York Townships	3,019,162	4,290,021	2,162,329
Welland	449,125	348,395	380,150
x Windsor	20,400	3,500	5,355
Ford	348,900	249,025	190,175
Riverside	6,300	42,985	4,000
Sandwich	8,600	43,100	80,800
Walkerville	224,600	6,300	54,100
Woodstock	31,000	657,000	38,000
Manitoba	13,718	127,008	1,000
x Brandon	261,985	145,165	127,475
St. Boniface	Nil	920	825
x Winnipeg	16,885	30,995	17,000
Saskatchewan	245,100	113,250	109,650
x Moose Jaw	91,170	454,425	53,950
x Regina	21,350	2,450	5,300
x Saskatoon	65,220	283,975	31,650
Alberta	4,600	168,000	17,000
x Calgary	135,173	151,335	130,922
x Edmonton	79,913	100,520	101,317
Lethbridge	27,100	27,060	13,650
Medicine Hat	28,160	18,480	15,430
British Columbia	Nil	5,275	525
x Kamloops	1,516,005	1,907,716	1,205,486
Nanaimo	Nil	6,000	Nil
x New Westminster	Nil	7,115	5,980
Prince Rupert	37,425	23,310	92,145
x Vancouver 2/	7,050	5,075	3,700
North Vancouver	1,226,405	1,722,907	1,009,970
x Victoria	14,150	11,730	29,910
Victoria	230,975	131,579	63,821
Total - 61 Cities	8,364,670	16,095,160	7,716,587
Total - 35 Cities	7,439,206	13,572,727	6,487,601

Report not received.

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Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver amalgamated with Vancouver as from January 1, 1929.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1929, AND FEBRUARY, 1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,108,809 or 25.2 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$155,141 or 1.5 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$10,473,479 during February, 1929, as compared with \$8,364,670 in January, 1929, and \$10,318,338 in February, 1928, which had one day more for registration of building projects. The February, 1929, total was the highest for that month in the record for the 61 cities, which goes back to 1920, while building costs continue lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 600 permits for dwellings, valued at over \$2,000,000 and nearly 1,000 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$8,000,000. In January authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 900 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,600,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario and the four Western Provinces reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1929, while elsewhere comparatively small declines were indicated. The largest gain, of \$1,035,697, took place in Alberta; this was chiefly due to the authorization of an addition to a leading hotel in Calgary.

As compared with February, 1928, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered gains; that of \$1,578,798, or 38 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of 48.1 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded a reduction in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1929, and February, 1928. In Toronto, there was a decline as compared with the preceding month, but the total was higher than in the same month of last year. Winnipeg reported an advance in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the value of the building authorized was greater than in January, 1929, but lower than in February, 1928, when a permit was issued for the construction of a grain elevator valued at \$2,000,000. Of the other cities, the following registered increases in the value of building authorized during February as compared with January, 1929, and February, 1928:- New Glasgow, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Quebec, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York Townships, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as the index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in February	Value of Permits Issued in first Two Months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building materials, in first two months, (1926 = 100)
1929	\$10,473,479	\$18,838,149	185.2	99.6
28	10,318,338	18,034,925	177.3	96.4
27	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	97.1
26	7,139,549	11,859,083	116.6	102.4
25	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	103.2
24	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	112.3
23	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	110.1
22	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	108.3
21	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	140.5
20	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	137.5

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1929 was higher by 4.5 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1928, the previous high level of this record of ten years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January and February, 1929, and February, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1929	January, 1929	February, 1928
Nova Scotia	\$	\$	\$
x Halifax	23,532	42,450	21,210
New Glasgow	15,432	423,000	21,210
x Sydney	1,200	50	Nil
New Brunswick	6,900	Nil	Nil
Fredericton	14,155	5,385	1,920
x Moncton	5,000	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	4,550	Nil	Nil
Quebec	4,605	5,000	18,000
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	902,835	1,050,500	1,700,800
x Quebec	782,510	856,515	1,500,000
Shawinigan Falls	77,275	35,890	44,273
x Sherbrooke	5,200	8,000	Nil
x Three Rivers	20,000	27,000	11,600
x Westmount	25,400	18,900	20,350
Ontario	10,400	84,000	275,200
Belleville	5,738,040	4,871,127	4,159,242
x Brantford	9,650	Nil	100
Chatham	4,150	3,884	12,979
x Fort William	131,000	1,500	13,100
Galt	22,450	3,200	537,300
x Guelph	3,675	23,374	2,795
x Hamilton	7,885	7,640	22,035
x Kingston	255,800	283,800	238,750
x Kitchener	70	9,510	14,170
x London	61,216	17,067	6,531
Niagara Falls	135,200	28,125	101,800
Oshawa	57,191	37,212	20,660
x Ottawa	22,250	550	106,625
Owen Sound	91,035	255,400	59,590
x Peterborough	Nil	Nil	7,200
x Port Arthur	7,535	11,450	17,860
x Stratford	9,510	9,510	10,175
x St. Catharines	510	30,315	935
x St. Thomas	116,200	18,075	25,475
Sarnia	45,600	950	1,000
Sault Ste. Marie	70,035	70,035	12,925
x Toronto	5,660	4,484	1,850
York & East York Townships	2,710,559	3,019,132	2,452,407
Welland	806,950	449,125	232,300
x Windsor	1,700	20,400	7,000
Ford	687,750	348,900	164,000
Riverside	8,700	6,300	11,525
Sandwich	87,600	8,000	79,400
Walkerville	2,250	224,000	4,100
Woodstock	371,000	31,000	43,000
Manitoba	4,850	13,718	2,275
x Brandon	515,350	261,985	392,100
St. Boniface	5,800	Nil	8,050
x Winnipeg	10,800	10,885	19,750
Saskatchewan	498,750	245,100	354,300
x Moose Jaw	270,075	91,170	131,625
x Regina	1,400	21,350	2,150
x Saskatoon	158,750	65,220	97,775
Alberta	109,925	4,600	31,700
x Calgary	1,170,870	155,715	342,800
x Edmonton	1,094,440	74,015	388,750
Lethbridge	71,100	27,180	27,835
Medicine Hat	4,180	28,160	15,455
British Columbia	1,100	Nil	705
Kamloops	1,820,500	1,516,005	3,507,500
Nanaimo	1,000	Nil	Nil
x New Westminster	4,735	Nil	4,100
Prince Rupert	19,275	37,425	147,300
x Vancouver 1/	2,500	Nil	2,400
North Vancouver	115,000	1,106,145	3,170,000
x Victoria	10,000	14,150	46,000
Total - 61 Cities	257,125	232,015	124,537
x Total - 35 Cities	10,473,479	8,364,670	10,318,333
	8,809,948	1,430,405	8,809,948

Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1929,
AND MARCH, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1929.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$24,056,656; this was an increase of \$13,583,177 or 129.7 p.c. over the February total of \$10,473,479, and of \$8,928,243 or 59.0 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$15,128,413 reported for the same month in 1928. Last month's total was the highest for March since this record was commenced in 1920. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, continued lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings valued about \$4,700,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$18,000,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and nearly 1,000 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,000,000 and \$8,000,000 respectively.

All provinces except British Columbia reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$10,453,070 in Quebec.

As compared with March, 1928, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded advances, that of \$7,966,067, or 233.8 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. There were decreases in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia, the greatest decline of \$369,410 or 20.5 p.c. being in British Columbia.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered gains as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with March of last year. In Winnipeg, there was an advance in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison, while Vancouver showed reductions in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, Charlottetown, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Fort William, Galt, Kitchener, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, York Townships, Ford, Woodstock, Brandon, Regina, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1929, or March, 1928.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 6 cities during March, and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1929	\$ 24,056,656	\$ 42,804,805	226.8	100.1
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	175.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	132.4	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	95.4	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	103.0	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	135.7
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	139.4

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1929 was higher by 29.3 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1928, the previous high level of this record of ten years.

The Table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in February and March, 1929, and March, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	March, 1929	February, 1929	March, 1928
Prince Edward Island	\$	\$	\$
Charlottetown	15,000	-	-
Nova Scotia	15,000	-	-
x Halifax	568,365	23,532	896,175
New Glasgow	551,070	15,432	893,950
x Sydney	-	1,200	-
New Brunswick	17,295	6,900	2,225
Fredericton	304,410	14,155	217,893
x Moncton	13,000	5,000	-
x Saint John	2,645	4,550	11,650
Quebec	288,765	4,605	206,243
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	11,373,955	920,885	3,407,888
x Quebec	10,954,170	782,610	2,695,020
Shawinigan Falls	233,145	77,275	277,943
x Sherbrooke	30,315	5,200	1,600
x Three Rivers	35,060	20,000	28,850
x Westmount	74,275	25,400	36,375
Ontario	46,990	10,400	368,100
Bellefille	6,650,107	5,738,040	6,042,125
x Brantford	7,800	9,650	10,175
Chatham	17,740	4,150	51,864
x Fort William	20,200	131,000	26,225
Galt	53,025	22,450	20,480
x Guelph	28,800	3,675	4,736
x Hamilton	28,125	7,885	43,195
x Kingston	786,350	255,800	1,115,400
x Kitchener	32,785	70	71,830
x London	302,843	61,216	48,050
Niagara Falls	101,450	135,200	209,535
Oshawa	29,150	57,191	201,471
x Ottawa	61,050	22,250	291,850
Owen Sound	160,430	91,035	46,250
x Peterborough	28,000	-	-
x Port Arthur	24,515	7,535	3,245
x Stratford	23,875	9,510	155,080
x St. Catharines	26,680	510	4,000
x St. Thomas	34,135	116,200	38,300
Sarnia	12,225	45,600	1,105
Sault Ste. Marie	37,575	70,085	64,015
x Toronto	17,050	5,660	8,630
York & East York Townships	2,830,217	2,710,559	2,787,485
Welland	1,029,530	806,950	346,000
x Windsor	1,490	1,700	7,000
Ford	426,965	687,750	312,955
Riverside	91,186	8,700	21,350
Sandwich	28,625	87,600	21,850
Walkerville	27,950	2,250	65,100
Woodstock	355,000	371,000	47,000
Manitoba	25,341	4,859	17,949
x Brandon	1,019,275	515,350	1,294,400
St. Boniface	10,925	5,800	7,000
x Winnipeg	16,100	10,800	96,800
Saskatchewan	992,250	498,750	1,190,600
x Moose Jaw	1,158,140	270,075	945,815
x Regina	5,575	1,400	7,555
x Saskatoon	779,745	158,750	231,910
Alberta	372,820	109,925	706,350
x Calgary	1,532,083	1,170,870	519,386
x Edmonton	688,448	1,094,440	293,626
Lethbridge	798,825	71,150	197,545
Medicine Hat	27,705	4,180	21,750
British Columbia	17,105	1,100	6,465
Kamloops	1,435,321	1,820,572	1,804,731
Nanaimo	15,675	1,000	16,975
x New Westminster	4,100	4,735	7,150
Prince Rupert	81,940	19,275	54,250
x Vancouver 1/	- 2/	2,360	80,900
North Vancouver	1,226,250	1,525,785	1,516,745
x Victoria	21,475	10,250	20,360
	85,881	257,167	108,351
Total - 61 Cities	24,056,656	10,473,479	15,128,413
x Total - 35 Cities	22,107,434	8,849,943	13,063,287

Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately. From Jan. 1, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate instead of that of the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1929, AND
APRIL, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$29,621,097 during April, as compared with \$24,057,456 in the preceding month and \$18,606,167 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$5,563,641 or 23.1 p.c. in the first comparison, and of \$11,014,930 or 59.2 p.c. in the second. The aggregate for the elapsed months of this year - \$72,516,702 - exceeds that for any other since the record was begun in 1920, while building costs continue lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,700 permits for dwellings valued at over \$9,000,000 and for some 4,000 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$17,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of some 1,200 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$4,700,000 and \$18,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, the greatest gains, of \$3,531,686 or 53.1 p.c., and \$2,552,095 or 177.7 p.c., taking place in Ontario and British Columbia, respectively.

As compared with April, 1928, all provinces except Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized. Quebec indicated the most pronounced advance, of \$3,786,151, or 126.5 p.c. Alberta recorded a loss of \$400,463 or 18.5 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month and with April, 1928; in Montreal, there was a decline in the former, but an increase in the latter comparison. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Ford, Riverside, Sandwich, Woodstock, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1929, and April 1928.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Indexes of value of permits issued first four months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average=100)
	In April	In first Four Months		
	\$	\$		
1929	29,621,097	72,516,702	209.8	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	149.8	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	122.5	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	120.2	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	102.6	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	91.8	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	112.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	99.9	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	78.3	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	100.	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was 40.1 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index number of wholesale prices of the building materials continued lower than in most years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1929, and April, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1929	March, 1929	April, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ - 3/	\$ 15,000	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	1,520,931	568,365	153,555
x Halifax	1,419,295	551,070	97,260
New Glasgow	81,875	Nil	26,715
x Sydney	19,761	17,295	29,580
New Brunswick	208,004	304,410	120,595
Fredericton	- 3/	13,000	10,115
x Moncton	65,350	2,645	52,580
x Saint John	142,454	288,765	57,900
Quebec	6,778,155	11,373,955	2,992,004
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	4,955,460	10,954,170	1,862,030
x Quebec	995,620	233,145	331,084
Shawinigan Falls	42,525	30,315	80,065
x Sherbrooke	87,000	35,060	23,600
x Three Rivers	255,075	74,275	124,175
x Westmount	442,475	46,990	571,050
Ontario	10,181,793	6,650,107	7,925,141
Belleville	13,515	7,800	87,655
x Brantford	75,116	17,740	58,235
Chatham	46,225	20,200	49,175
x Fort William	1,035,225	53,025	96,300
Galt	58,133	28,800	30,443
x Guelph	48,465	28,125	43,876
x Hamilton	353,150	786,350	814,800
x Kingston	86,759	32,785	171,732
x Kitchener	272,141	302,843	133,830
x London	206,985	101,450	336,725
Niagara Falls	150,628	29,150	104,895
Oshawa	69,750	61,050	379,880
x Ottawa	900,000	160,430	351,150
Owen Sound	6,000	28,000	12,100
x Peterborough	131,040	24,515	38,827
x Port Arthur	75,125	23,875	71,230
x Stratford	59,485	26,680	9,435
x St. Catharines	328,903	34,135	98,220
x St. Thomas	22,340	12,225	4,915
Sarnia	42,055	37,575	48,575
Sault Ste Marie	89,634	17,050	39,496
x Toronto	3,850,436	2,830,217	3,103,740
York & East York Townships	919,830	1,029,530	1,018,406
Welland	18,530	1,490	44,480
x Windsor	737,966	426,965	463,438
Ford	117,300	91,186	105,900
Riverside	96,450	28,625	63,500
Sandwich	38,375	27,950	17,225
Walkerville	234,000	355,000	85,000
Woodstock	98,232	25,341	41,958
Manitoba	1,972,315	1,019,275	1,633,190
x Brandon	68,600	10,925	24,990
St. Boniface	34,765	16,100	150,300
x Winnipeg	1,868,950	992,250	1,457,900
Saskatchewan	3,205,536	1,158,140	1,052,770
x Moose Jaw	46,990	5,575	50,360
x Regina	2,186,458	779,745	413,005
x Saskatoon	972,088	372,820	589,405
Alberta	1,766,147	1,532,083	2,166,610
x Calgary	935,907	688,448	1,407,750
x Edmonton	528,785	798,825	568,615
Lethbridge	135,125	27,705	185,765
Medicine Hat	166,330	17,105	4,480
British Columbia	3,988,216	1,436,121 1/	2,562,302
Kamloops	31,464	15,675	23,347
Nanaimo	6,000	4,100	3,220
x New Westminster	125,300	81,940	123,800
Prince Rupert	- 3/	800	18,000
x Vancouver 2/	1,481,295	1,226,250	1,715,207
North Vancouver	10,425	21,475	48,740
x Victoria	2,333,732	85,881	192,988
Total - 61 Cities	29,621,097	24,057,455 1/	18,606,167
x Total - 35 Cities 1/	27,113,931	22,107,434	14,892,712

Revised Total
 Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver formerly given separately. From Jan. 1, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate instead of that of the area formerly known as Vancouver.
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1929, AND
MAY, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1929, was lower by 24.5 p.c. than in April, 1929, and by 16.4 p.c. than in May, 1928, but was higher than in any other May for which data are available. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$23,007,371, as compared with \$29,648,147 in the preceding month and \$27,515,522 in May, 1928. The total for the elapsed months of this year - \$95,551,123 - exceeds that for the same period in any other year since this record was begun in 1920, while building costs continued lower than in most of the last ten years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,900 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$8,400,000 and for some 4,300 other buildings estimated to cost over \$14,000,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 1,700 dwellings and 4,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and \$17,000,000 respectively.

Quebec and Alberta reported increases of 3.1 p.c. and 5.1 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1929. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,204,511 or 55 p.c. in British Columbia was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1928, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases, that of \$770,599 or 49.7 p.c. in Saskatchewan being largest. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$4,526,969 or 34.3 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either April, 1929, or May, 1928; in Toronto there was an increase in the first, but a loss in the second comparison, while Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Moncton, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Sarnia, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary and Nanaimo recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average=100)
1929	\$23,007,371	\$95,551,123	200.6	99.6
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	166.4	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	131.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	126.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	107.0	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	97.7	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	121.6	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	113.4	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	87.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	100.0	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was 20.5 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1929, and May, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1929	April, 1929	May, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 5,000 1/	nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	432,321	1,520,931	122,325
New Glasgow	414,951	1,419,295	115,640
x Sydney	4,850	81,875	2,300
New Brunswick	12,520	19,761	4,385
Fredericton	180,415	208,004	179,457
x Moncton	5,500	-	67,000
x Saint John	84,135	65,350	28,915
Quebec	90,780	142,454	83,542
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	6,991,545	6,778,155	6,889,400
x Quebec	6,068,947	4,955,460	4,066,945
Shawinigan Falls	337,428	995,620	1,291,975
x Sherbrooke	67,700	42,525	180,765
x Three Rivers	87,300	87,000	288,200
x Westmount	122,000	255,075	678,825
Ontario	308,170	442,475	376,690
Belleville	8,656,895	10,181,793	13,183,864
x Brantford	30,125	13,515	42,150
Chatham	81,180	75,116	44,064
x Fort William	201,070	46,225	268,450
Galt	160,800	1,035,225	295,500
x Guelph	41,770	58,133	87,937
x Hamilton	67,465	48,465	63,999
x Kingston	615,850	353,150	491,450
x Kitchener	21,827	86,759	46,161
x London	301,677	272,141	329,915
Niagara Falls	342,405	206,985	230,110
Oshawa	62,430	150,628	210,020
x Ottawa	270,360	9,750	284,610
Owen Sound	293,585	900,000	420,400
x Peterborough	35,200	6,000	88,500
x Port Arthur	58,270	131,040	79,187
x Stratford	81,916	75,125	3,441,035
x St. Catharines	26,576	59,485	68,637
x St. Thomas	97,150	328,903	78,030
Sarnia	8,680	22,340	30,434
Sault Ste. Marie	139,210	42,055	128,810
x Toronto	71,506	89,634	61,845
York & East York Townships	4,137,328	3,850,436	4,653,687
Welland	880,396	918,830	802,743
x Windsor	10,175	18,530	38,930
East Windsor 2/	365,930	737,966	327,860
Riverside	104,850	117,300	30,200
Sandwich	25,350	96,450	71,550
Walkerville	35,250	38,375	40,425
Woodstock	73,000	234,000	346,000
Manitoba	15,764	98,232	75,100
x Brandon	762,980	1,972,315	2,097,260
St. Boniface	81,830	68,600	95,300
x Winnipeg	92,300	34,765	83,730
Saskatchewan	588,850	1,868,950	1,913,150
x Moose Jaw	2,322,069	3,205,536	1,551,400
x Regina	270,350	46,990	176,000
x Saskatoon	1,209,599	2,186,458	526,515
Alberta	842,120	972,088	848,405
x Calgary	1,855,391	1,766,147	1,798,660
x Edmonton	1,004,759	935,907	842,421
Lethbridge	788,450	528,785	884,225
Medicine Hat	33,287	135,125	36,695
British Columbia	28,895	166,330	35,327
Kamloops	1,805,755	4,010,266 1/	1,693,078
Nanaimo	12,475	31,464	14,133
x New Westminster	10,460	6,000	1,577
Prince Rupert	97,535	125,300	30,329
x Vancouver 3/	6,580	22,050 1/	16,550
North Vancouver	1,406,350	1,481,295	1,477,094
Victoria	22,355	10,425	23,565
x Victoria	250,000	2,333,732	120,528
Total - 61 Cities	23,007,371	29,648,147 1/	27,515,522
Total - 35 Cities	20,726,713	27,113,931	23,828,052

Includes Charlottetown and Prince Rupert not shown in the previously published April statement. 2/ Formerly Ford City. 3/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver formerly shown separately. From Jan. 1, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1929,
AND JUNE, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$27,637,491; this was an increase of \$3,630,120 or 15.1 p.c. as compared with the May total of \$24,007,371, while in the more significant comparison with June, 1928, there was also an increase of \$4,885,531 or 21.5 p.c., the value for that month having been \$22,751,960. The aggregate for the first half of 1929 also exceeded that for the first half of any other year on record for these cities; with a total of \$124,188,614, it was 21.7 p.c. higher than in the period January-June, 1928, the previous high level. The wholesale costs of building materials this year have averaged lower than in most of the last nine years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,600 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$8,700,000 and some 3,300 permits for other buildings estimated at approximately \$17,000,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 1,900 dwellings and some 4,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,400,000 and \$14,000,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1929, was reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$3,886,284 or 215.2 p.c. in the last named being most pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$1,474,058 or 21.1 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with June, 1928, there were increases in Nova Scotia and the four Western Provinces, British Columbia again reporting the greatest advance of \$3,851,602 or 209.3 p.c., while of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$829,552 or 7.8 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver recorded important increases in the value of the permits issued, as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1928; the advance was mainly due to the granting of a permit for a large hotel. Winnipeg showed a loss in the former and a gain in the latter comparison, while in Montreal and Toronto there were declines in both comparisons. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Quebec, Fort William, Guelph, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, Windsor, Riverside, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1929, and June, 1928.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1929, and June, 1928; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF YEAR, 1920-1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the years are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued In June	Value of Permits Issued First Six Months	Indexes of Value of Permits issued, First Six Months (1920=100).	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building Materials in First Six Months. (1926 average = 100)
1929	\$ 27,637,491	\$ 124,188,614	201.4	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	165.2	97.0
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	130.9	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	127.5	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	106.7	103.1
1924	11,967,006	60,674,154	98.2	110.8
1923	11,286,252	73,047,496	118.3	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	115.4	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,634	90.3	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	100.0	144.5

The aggregate for the first half year of 1928 was higher by \$22,151,627 or 21.7 p.c. than in 1928, the previous high level of this record; although the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials is this year slightly higher than it was last year, the advance in the volume of construction is proportionately considerably greater.

Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued.

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 61 cities during the first six months of each year since 1920; it also shows the totals for the same years, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

All provinces, except Ontario, reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in the first six months of last year; in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia the totals were, in fact, larger than in any other year since 1920, while the Ontario and Manitoba aggregates were exceeded only once in the ten years, by the 1928 and the 1926 figures, respectively. Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan registered the greatest proportionate gains of 147.5 p.c. and 85.7 p.c. respectively, over 1928, while there was a reduction of less than one p.c. in Ontario.

During the first six months of this year, the 31 cities furnishing returns in Ontario reported 37.0 p.c. of the total value of the building authorized, as compared with 45.5 p.c. in the same months of 1928. In Quebec, the proportion increased from 22.5 p.c. last year to 26.3 in the elapsed months of 1929, and in British Columbia, from 12.4 p.c. to 13.1 p.c.

Totals of Permits Issued by Four Leading Cities.

In Table 3 are given the aggregates of permits issued in the four largest cities in the first half of each year since 1920, together with the proportion that their totals are of the yearly and half-yearly totals for the 61 cities. The building authorized was valued at \$66,190,652 in the first six months of 1929; this was 35.2 p.c. higher than in the same months of last year; it also considerably exceeded the aggregate for any other year of the record, in most of which the cost of building materials was higher. The increase in these four cities was substantially greater than the general increase in the 61 cities, and the ratio to the total for the 61 cities was the highest on record.

Except in Toronto, the total for each of these cities was greater than in 1928, Montreal and Vancouver showing the marked increases of 77.9 p.c. and 71.8 p.c., respectively, over the 1928 figures. The aggregate for the first half of 1929 was higher in these two cities than in any other year since 1920, while the aggregates for Toronto and Winnipeg were each exceeded only once in the same ten years.

Contracts Awarded.

According to the MacLean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1929, was \$278,121,700 as compared with \$256,257,300 in 1928 and \$191,323,800 in 1927. Of the total contracts awarded this year, \$69,513,300 was classed as residential building, \$94,255,300 as business, \$37,719,600 as industrial, and \$76,633,500 as engineering. In 1928, the total was divided as follows:- residential, \$72,531,000, business, \$91,713,300, industrial, \$38,290,500, and engineering, \$53,722,500. There were thus large increases during the first half of 1929 as compared with last year in the engineering and business building classes, the latter being heavily represented in the building permits statistics.

Table 1. Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1929	May, 1929	June, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ nil	\$ nil	\$ nil
Nova Scotia	242,037	432,321	78,630
x Halifax	137,852	414,951	55,070
x Glasgow	93,250	4,850	775
x Sydney	10,935	12,520	22,785
New Brunswick	181,460	180,415	209,608
Fredericton	- 3/	5,500	nil
x Moncton	50,275	84,135	13,060
x Saint John	131,185	90,780	196,548
Quebec	5,517,487	6,991,545	5,889,851
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,697,514	6,068,947	4,203,976
x Quebec	1,193,273	337,428	497,125
Shawinigan Falls	37,350	67,700	522,870
x Sherbrooke	117,000	87,300	206,800
x Three Rivers	176,000	122,000	215,150
x Westmount	296,350	308,170	243,930
Ontario	9,850,852	8,656,895	10,680,404
Belleville	28,650	30,125	14,800
x Brantford	19,408	81,180	83,954
Chatham	65,000	201,070	60,185
x Port William	180,900	160,800	100,760
Galt	16,130	41,770	38,230
x Guelph	168,295	67,465	76,420
x Hamilton	1,355,800	615,850	882,650
x Kingston	30,884	21,827	35,191
x Kitchener	131,255	301,677	274,331
x London	252,415	342,405	336,070
Niagara Falls	108,755	62,430	44,139
Oshawa	147,600	270,360	352,580
x Ottawa	502,960	293,585	452,715
Owen Sound	15,100	35,200	96,900
x Peterborough	18,445	58,270	25,013
x Port Arthur	169,420	81,916	101,845
x Stratford	111,041	26,576	27,650
x St. Catharines	103,550	97,150	121,810
x St. Thomas	24,235	8,680	43,150
Sarnia	448,029	139,210	200,098
Sault Ste. Marie	77,755	71,506	59,887
x Toronto	3,396,474	4,137,328	5,174,450
York & East York Townships	1,032,330	880,396	1,079,135
Welland	7,635	10,175	6,870
x Windsor	1,196,553	365,930	325,033
East Windsor	47,990	104,850	223,175
Riverside	67,750	25,350	67,550
Sandwich	52,100	35,050	240,225
Walkerville	60,000	73,000	110,000
Woodstock	14,393	15,764	25,588
Manitoba	1,580,386	1,762,980 1/	1,345,810
x Brandon	15,426	81,830	61,625
St. Boniface	31,610	92,300	166,785
x Winnipeg	1,533,350	1,588,850 1/	1,117,400
Saskatchewan	2,412,530	2,322,069	1,357,475
x Moose Jaw	40,000	270,350	36,930
x Regina	1,022,105	1,209,599	624,170
x Saskatoon	1,350,425	842,120	696,375
Alberta	2,160,700	1,855,391	1,349,745
x Calgary	1,106,965	1,004,759	688,203
x Edmonton	976,915	788,450	634,010
Lethbridge	64,940	33,287	22,485
Medicine Hat	11,880	28,895	5,047
British Columbia	5,692,039	1,805,755	1,840,437
Kamloops	80,600	12,475	8,400
Nanaimo	31,140	10,460	4,500
x New Westminster	39,119	97,535	92,360
Prince Rupert	- 3/	6,580	2,200
x Vancouver 2/	5,337,925	1,406,350	1,662,444
North Vancouver	120,600	22,355	25,190
x Victoria	82,655	250,000	45,343
- Total - 61 Cities	27,637,491	24,007,371 1/	22,751,960
x Total - 35 Cities	24,976,904	21,726,713 1/	18,833,516

1/ Corrected total. 2/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver formerly given separately. From Jan. 1, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver. 3/ Report not received.

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Province	No. of Cities	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Prince Edward Isd.	1	20,000	nil	nil	17,000	11,000	16,700	27,500	49,500	127,200	34,500
Nova Scotia	3	3,210,636	1,297,200	1,009,780	294,397	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457	2,338,612
New Brunswick	3	893,829	762,468	1,046,970	551,353	755,090	304,289	446,666	1,107,458	534,055	1,123,270
Quebec	6	32,642,332	22,838,301	18,995,355	19,575,823	16,647,887	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750	13,318,200
Ontario	31	45,948,884	46,203,940	35,441,040	31,334,947	31,808,126	29,028,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123	29,355,724
Manitoba	3	7,112,291	6,890,235	5,037,703	8,491,110	3,140,730	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,439,403	3,696,283	5,740,273
Saskatchewan	3	9,459,520	5,093,105	4,202,147	2,884,162	1,506,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,439,585	1,874,257	2,219,660
Alberta	4	8,620,364	6,338,136	3,297,769	2,429,373	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465	3,791,546
British Columbia	7	16,280,758	12,613,602	11,811,955	13,182,254	9,669,617	7,610,764	4,759,270	5,449,206	5,401,294	3,832,845
Canada 6 months	61	124,188,614	102,036,987	80,842,719	78,760,419	65,899,717	60,674,114	73,047,496	71,281,674	55,771,684	61,754,710
Canada 12 months			219,105,715	184,613,742	156,386,607	125,029,367	126,583,148	133,521,621	148,215,407	116,794,414	117,019,622
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year		-	46.6	43.8	50.4	52.7	47.9	54.7	48.1	47.8	52.8
1/ Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, 6 months 99.6			97.0	96.6	101.0	103.1	110.8	111.4	108.0	132.0	144.5
2/ Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)		-	185.6	179.3	172.1	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5	160.9

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average 1926 = 100

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average 1913 = 100.

City	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Montreal	27,315,216	15,356,336	11,689,052	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774	7,330,178	8,263,498
Toronto	19,944,176	20,334,098	13,038,265	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813	12,922,551
Winnipeg	6,727,250	6,153,000	4,579,300	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050	5,435,450
Vancouver	12,204,010	7,105,285	6,023,951	7,756,825	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,382	1,405,066
Total, 4 largest cities 6 months	66,190,652	48,948,719	35,330,568	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423	28,106,567
Total, 4 largest cities 12 months	-	111,279,782	94,732,185	83,613,495	63,438,784	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051	51,744,488
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year	-	44.0 p.c.	37.3 p.c.	48.4 p.c.	50.1 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.	54.3 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months, to 6 months' total for 61 cities -	53.3 p.c.	48.0 p.c.	43.4 p.c.	51.4 p.c.	48.2 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	42.6 p.c.	45.5 p.c.



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1929,
AND JULY, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decrease of \$4,826,832 or 17.5 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decline of \$2,935,922 or 11.4 p.c. as compared with the exceptionally high total of July, 1928. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1929, was \$22,826,034, as against \$27,652,866 in June, 1929, and \$25,761,956 in July, 1928. With the exception of July of last year, the total for the month under review is the highest for July in the years since the record was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,500 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$7,000,000, and some 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$15,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,600 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,700,000 and \$17,000,000, respectively.

Increases as compared with June, 1929, were reported in Nova Scotia, where there was a gain of 181.7 p.c. Of the reductions elsewhere, that of \$2,991,563 or 52.4 p.c. in British Columbia was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1928, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, the gain of \$1,169,922 or 131.1 p.c. in Alberta being especially noteworthy. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of 37.9 p. c. in Ontario, where the total in July of last year had been unusually high.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported an increase over June, 1929, but a decline as compared with July, 1928, while Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded losses in the former, and increases in the latter comparison. of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Galt, Oshawa, Sault Ste. Marie, York Township, Welland, Walkerville, St. Boniface, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and New Westminster showed gains as compared with both June 1929, and July, 1928.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in July	Value of Permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first seven months (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average = 100).
	\$	\$		
1929	22,826,034	147,030,023	194.7	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	169.3	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	96.7
1926	18,683,416	97,443,834	129.1	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 15. p.c. than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1929, and July, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities

Cities	July, 1929	June, 1929	July, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	681,845	242,037	819,817
x Halifax	508,700	137,852	810,885
New Glasgow	94,560	93,250	950
x Sydney	78,585	10,935	7,982
New Brunswick	46,138	181,460	159,854
Fredericton	-	Nil	70,900
x Moncton	15,040	50,275	14,515
x Saint John	31,098	131,185	74,439
Quebec	5,033,345	5,517,487	3,959,550
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,689,065	3,697,514	3,301,769
x Quebec	525,075	1,193,273	230,905
Shawinigan Falls	47,680	37,350	28,626
x Sherbrooke	133,200	117,000	12,300
x Three Rivers	38,825	176,000	139,450
x Westmount	599,500	296,350	246,500
Ontario	9,485,114	9,850,852	15,279,034
Belleville	201,775	28,650	5,200
x Brantford	90,755	19,408	69,165
Chatham	9,150	65,000	50,450
x Fort William	76,475	180,900	747,000
Galt	41,990	16,130	25,560
x Guelph	37,507	168,295	33,905
x Hamilton	438,800	1,355,800	427,000
x Kingston	51,655	30,884	52,304
x Kitchener	120,892	131,255	162,240
x London	250,235	252,415	318,715
Niagara Falls	42,502	108,755	46,275
Oshawa	283,550	147,600	207,310
x Ottawa	321,700	502,960	288,535
Owan Sound	22,000	15,100	24,225
x Peterborough	27,650	18,445	37,885
x Port Arthur	65,336	169,420	433,430
x Stratford	73,586	111,041	19,500
x St. Catharines	102,737	103,550	51,000
x St. Thomas	12,900	24,235	24,510
Sarnia	54,620	448,029	43,334
Sault Ste. Marie	214,790	77,755	22,153
x Toronto	4,895,224	3,396,474	10,606,253
York & East York Townships	1,172,220	1,032,330	625,750
Welland	179,500	7,635	148,671
x Windsor	474,760	1,196,553	586,282
East Windsor	30,768	47,990	34,530
Riverside	22,500	67,750	25,860
Sandwich	24,775	52,100	38,700
Walkerville	115,000	60,000	69,000
Woodstock	29,762	14,393	54,292
Manitoba	1,520,832	1,580,386	904,470
x Brandon	83,702	15,426	33,255
St. Boniface	82,480	31,610	35,365
x Winnipeg	1,354,650	1,533,350	835,850
Saskatchewan	1,280,380	2,412,530	2,438,690
x Moose Jaw	25,800	40,000	629,150
x Regina	799,785	1,022,105	1,176,540
x Saskatoon	454,795	1,350,425	633,000
Alberta	2,062,529	2,160,700	892,607
x Calgary	1,473,729	1,106,965	523,107
x Edmonton	463,735	976,915	316,875
Lethbridge	100,925	64,940	37,070
Medicine Hat	24,140	11,880	15,555
British Columbia	2,715,851	5,707,414 1/	1,307,934
Kamloops	19,112	80,600	9,053
Nanaimo	8,720	31,140	nil
x New Westminster	57,525	39,119	56,000
Prince Rupert	-	15,375	22,000
x Vancouver	2,534,230	5,337,925	887,365
North Vancouver	15,075	120,600	198,040
x Victoria	81,189	82,655	135,476
Total - 61 Cities	22,826,034	27,652,866 1/	25,761,956
x Total - 35 Cities	19,988,440	24,976,904	23,448,597

1/ Includes Prince Rupert not shown in the June report. 2/ Report not received from Prince Grey and South Vancouver formerly given separately. From Jan. 1929, the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes "the Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1929,
AND AUGUST, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1929.

There was a slight seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1929, as compared with July, but in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$21,560,361 as compared with \$22,841,709 in July, 1929, and \$17,448,542 in August, 1928. There was, therefore, a decrease of 5.6 p.c. in the first comparison, and an increase of 23.6 p.c. in the second. The aggregate for the elapsed months of this year continued higher than in the same months of any other year since 1920, exceeding the previous high level in 1928 by 16 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued nearly 1,400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and over 2,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$13,500,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 1,500 dwellings and 2,900 other buildings, estimated at about \$7,000,000 and \$15,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported gains as compared with July, 1929, that of \$1,245,015, or 97.2 p.c., in Saskatchewan being most noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere registered, that in British Columbia of \$1,502,218 or 55.0 p.c. was greatest.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year, Ontario and Alberta showing the largest increases. Declines in this comparison were recorded in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia, that of \$424,416 or 9.2 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Toronto showed improvement as compared with August, 1928, but the total was smaller than in July, 1929, while Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Nanaimo and New Westminster registered gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in August	Value of Permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1926 average = 100)
1929	21,560,361	168,606,059	195.4	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	168.3	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 16.1 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in most years of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1929, and August, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1929	July, 1929	August, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	382,105	681,845	432,270
x Halifax	341,280	508,700	407,045
New Glasgow	22,875	94,560	5,275
x Sydney	17,950	78,585	19,950
N.S. Brunswick	447,900	46,138	66,600
x Miramichi	-	-	Nil
x Moncton	420,575	15,040	43,045
x Saint John	27,325	31,098	23,555
Quebec	4,203,303	5,033,345	4,627,719
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,312,625	3,689,065	3,634,211
x Quebec	286,135	525,075	607,408
Lawinigan Falls	251,153	47,680	12,400
x Sherbrooke	50,330	133,200	17,200
x Three Rivers	153,960	38,825	63,150
x Westmount	149,100	599,500	293,350
Ontario	9,006,710	9,485,114	6,940,000
Leileville	50,900	201,775	19,000
x Brantford	93,062	90,755	82,022
Orkham	37,930	9,150	78,875
x Port William	80,025	76,475	44,700
Galt	63,086	41,990	50,052
x Guelph	33,840	37,507	39,105
x Hamilton	1,327,600	438,800	443,400
x Kingston	279,461	51,655	26,372
x Kitchener	126,835	120,892	52,682
x London	171,915	250,235	155,670
Niagara Falls	166,510	42,502	58,680
Oshawa	68,220	283,550	205,445
x Ottawa	121,743	321,700	400,220
Owen Sound	400,250	22,000	3,200
x Peterborough	35,938	27,650	74,095
x Port Arthur	40,700	65,336	36,645
x Stratford	21,536	73,586	16,409
x St. Catharines	123,250	102,737	40,119
x St. Thomas	31,175	12,900	11,980
Sarnia	52,496	54,620	48,269
Sault Ste. Marie	199,695	214,790	63,106
x Toronto	4,068,975	4,895,224	3,719,454
York & East York Townships	882,128	1,172,220	628,005
Markham	21,405	179,500	19,345
x Windsor	365,645	474,760	276,905
East Windsor	46,450	30,768	112,300
Riverside	16,500	22,500	28,600
Sandwich	17,590	24,775	16,300
Walkerville	52,000	115,000	173,000
Woodstock	9,850	29,762	16,045
Manitoba	939,639	1,520,832	1,270,115
x Brandon	61,374	83,702	137,330
St. Boniface	2,465	82,480	85,735
x Winnipeg	875,800	1,354,650	1,047,050
Saskatchewan	2,525,395	1,280,380	1,864,897
x Moose Jaw	28,141	25,800	21,650
x Regina	2,170,429	799,785	1,338,620
x Saskatoon	326,825	454,795	504,627
Alberta	2,826,001	2,062,529	899,775
x Calgary	1,849,651	1,473,729	692,880
x Edmonton	888,075	463,735	171,155
Lethbridge	75,100	100,925	24,520
Medicine Hat	13,175	24,140	11,220
British Columbia	1,229,308	2,731,526 ^{1/}	1,347,166
Kamloops	16,645	19,112	4,100
x Nanaimo	26,575	8,720	750
x New Westminster	124,375	57,525	63,175
Prince Rupert	-	15,675 ^{1/}	1,595
x Vancouver 3 [/]	908,340	2,534,230	1,102,825
North Vancouver	38,550	15,075	38,590
Victoria	114,823	81,189	136,131
Total - 61 Cities	21,560,361	22,841,709 ^{1/}	17,000,000
x Total - 35 Cities	18,663,168	19,986,440	14,000,000

^{1/} Includes Prince Rupert not shown in July report. ^{2/} Report not received. ^{3/} Includes West Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately, from January, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1929,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920 - 1929.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$17,107,963: this was a decrease of \$4,452,398, or 20.7 p.c., as compared with the total of \$21,560,361 reported in August, and of \$3,266,136, or 16.2 p.c., in comparison with the exceptionally high total of \$20,374,149 recorded in September of last year. The September, 1929, total was, however, greater than in the same month of any other year of the record except 1925, while the cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by over \$20,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$5,200,000 and over 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$11,400,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,400 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$13,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1929, Nova Scotia showing greatest advance of \$418,277, or 109.5 p.c. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,876,752, or 66.4 p.c. in Alberta, was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1928, there were gains in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta, of which that of \$727,837 in Nova Scotia was greatest. In Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia reductions were indicated, the last named showing the most extensive loss of \$1,941,730, or 57.1 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year: in Vancouver, there was an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, Quebec, Westmount, Chatham, Guelph, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Kamloops showed gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in September	Value of Permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months. (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months. (average 1926 = 100).
	\$	\$		
1929	17,107,963	185,714,022	193.2	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	172.2	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	108.3
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	112.7	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 12.1 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most years of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1929, and September, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked this "X"

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities

September, 1929. August, 1929.

September, 1928.

	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	800,382	382,105	72,545
x Halifax	771,098	341,280	43,845
New Glasgow	540	22,875	20,150
x Sydney	28,744	17,950	8,550
New Brunswick	103,575	447,900	80,684
Fredericton	- 1/	- 1/	-
x Moncton	20,075	420,575	11,493
x Saint John	83,500	27,325	69,191
Quebec	4,547,314	4,203,303	5,225,772
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,254,076	3,312,625	4,056,788
x Quebec	724,263	286,135	543,134
Shawinigan Falls	13,730	251,153	60,000
x Sherbrooke	107,700	50,330	229,900
x Three Rivers	47,845	153,960	120,800
x Westmount	399,700	149,100	215,150
Ontario	7,170,758	9,006,710	8,442,930
Belleville	16,740	50,900	4,450
x Brantford	44,072	93,062	175,548
Chatham	80,670	37,930	73,550
x Fort William	67,690	80,025	156,140
Galt	40,765	63,086	48,962
x Guelph	35,740	33,840	29,095
x Hamilton	571,500	1,327,600	708,350
x Kingston	20,355	279,461	67,680
x Kitchener	91,802	126,835	106,105
x London	407,760	171,915	214,065
Niagara Falls	82,892	166,510	142,725
Oshawa	30,580	68,220	168,130
x Ottawa	293,590	121,743	284,210
Owen Sound	10,050	400,250	8,500
x Peterborough	189,685	35,938	256,105
x Port Arthur	39,555	40,700	90,641
x Stratford	7,081	21,536	20,651
x St. Catharines	257,250	123,250	64,215
x St. Thomas	8,295	31,175	3,269
Sarnia	24,865	52,496	14,354
Sault Ste. Marie	28,913	199,695	31,163
x Toronto	3,150,426	4,068,975	4,085,590
York & East York Townships	828,078	882,128	854,608
Welland	32,395	21,405	12,435
x Windsor	570,355	365,645	566,660
East Windsor	57,250	46,450	55,300
Riverside	20,400	16,500	35,700
Sandwich	25,500	17,590	13,100
Walkerville	121,000	52,000	124,000
Woodstock	15,504	9,850	27,629
Manitoba	702,470	939,639	1,051,260
x Brandon	30,020	61,374	11,530
St. Boniface	133,100	2,465	51,880
x Winnipeg	539,350	875,800	987,850
Saskatchewan	1,378,335	2,525,395	1,356,788
x Moose Jaw	256,950	28,141	97,213
x Regina	304,375	2,170,429	524,725
x Saskatoon	817,010	326,825	734,855
Alberta	949,249	2,826,001	746,560
x Calgary	601,409	1,849,651	557,025
x Edmonton	314,730	888,075	133,940
Lethbridge	26,290	75,100	43,220
Medicine Hat	6,820	13,175	12,375
British Columbia	1,455,880	1,229,308	3,397,610
Kamloops	21,380	16,645	13,935
Nanaimo	7,850	26,575	3,300
x New Westminster	123,435	124,375	1,036,225
Prince Rupert	- 1/	- 1/	11,975
x Vancouver 2/	1,241,500	908,340	1,683,606
North Vancouver	6,840	38,550	8,305
x Victoria	54,875	114,823	640,264
Total - 61 Cities	17,107,963	21,560,361	20,374,149
x Total - 35 Cities	15,475,811	18,663,168	17,611,203

1/ Report not received. 2/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately; from January, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1929, AND OCTOBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1929 - 1929.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$18,063,577; this was an increase of \$948,614, or nearly 5.5 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$17,114,963, but a decrease of \$3,494,508, or 16.2 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$21,553,085 for October, 1928. The value in the month under review was greater than in October of most years for which statistics of these centres are available, while the cumulative total for the elapsed 10 months of 1929 exceeds by nearly 9 p.c. that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level of this record, which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000, and about 3,300 permits for other buildings valued at over \$16,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,200,000 and \$11,400,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1929, that of \$953,381, or 21.0 p.c., in Quebec being most noteworthy. The greatest decrease in this comparison was that of \$683,875, or 85.4 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

In the comparison with October, 1928, there were gains in New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia; Alberta showed the largest increase, of \$639,301, or 108.5 p.c. The other provinces recorded declines, that of \$3,912,171, or 28.1 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Montreal showed improvement over both September, 1929, and October, 1928; in Winnipeg, there was an increase over the preceding month, but a reduction as compared with the same month in 1928, while in Toronto and Vancouver the total was lower than in either comparison. Of the other centres, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Belleville, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Mitchell, Oshawa, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, York Townships, Sandwich, Walkerville, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Victoria registered increases as compared with September, 1929, and October, 1928.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average, 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in October.	Value of Permits issued in first ten months.	Indexes of value of permits issued, first ten months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months. (average 1926 = 100).
	\$	\$		
1929	18,063,577	203,724,599	191.3	99.6
1928	21,553,085	187,179,719	175.7	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	150.2	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,333	126.6	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	102.9	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	103.2	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	111.0	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	119.7	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	93.7	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	100.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 8.9 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1929, and October, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	October, 1929.	September, 1929.	October, 1928.
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	116,507	800,382	299,844
New Glasgow	101,857	771,098	223,917
x Sydney	1,120	540	680
New Brunswick	13,530	28,744	75,247
Fredericton	131,192	103,575	98,565
x Moncton	- 1/	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	46,390	20,075	23,985
Quebec	84,802	83,500	74,580
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	5,500,695	4,547,314	5,545,895
x Quebec	3,987,536	3,254,076	3,308,675
Shawinigan Falls	644,374	724,263	790,815
x Sherbrooke	200,060	13,730	11,680
x Three Rivers	57,600	107,700	186,800
x Westmount	260,225	47,845	39,475
Ontario	350,900	399,700	708,450
Belleville	7,718,323	7,170,758	10,730,494
x Brantford	129,400	16,740	8,000
Chatham	26,554	44,072	148,348
x Fort William	40,615	80,670	37,710
Galt	65,900	67,690	32,650
x Guelph	180,030	40,765	26,831
x Hamilton	81,145	35,740	68,955
x Kingston	381,600	571,500	442,750
x Kitchener	332,814	20,355	35,228
x London	141,715	91,802	81,456
Niagara Falls	329,145	407,760	149,225
Oshawa	62,400	82,892	1,092,430
x Ottawa	429,485	30,580	364,133
Owen Sound	326,925	293,590	264,760
x Peterborough	10,100	10,050	5,150
x Port Arthur	43,475	189,685	39,720
x Stratford	29,343	39,555	44,910
x St. Catharines	10,764	7,081	19,583
x St. Thomas	163,757	257,250	538,605
Sarnia	3,265	8,295	8,250
Sault Ste. Marie	67,963	24,865	137,903
x Toronto	40,666	28,913	33,261
York & East York Townships	2,927,263	3,150,426	4,805,329
Welland	1,094,635	828,078	1,020,010
x Windsor	6,590	32,395	15,730
East Windsor	178,645	570,355	831,295
Riverside	36,698	57,250	61,200
Sandwich	11,650	20,400	18,300
Walkerville	347,500	25,500	216,850
Woodstock	175,000	121,000	124,000
Manitoba	43,281	15,504	47,922
x Brandon	668,997	702,470	1,210,315
St. Boniface	5,682	30,020	34,525
x Winnipeg	58,415	133,100	68,040
Saskatchewan	604,900	539,350	1,107,750
x Moose Jaw	1,402,810	1,378,335	1,851,175
x Regina	133,022	256,950	17,370
x Saskatoon	749,263	304,375	1,181,105
Alberta	520,525	817,010	652,700
x Calgary	1,228,442	949,249	589,141
x Edmonton	529,612	601,409	387,854
Lethbridge	616,995	314,730	175,840
Medicine Hat	48,295	26,290	20,500
British Columbia	33,540	6,820	4,947
Kamloops	1,296,611	1,462,880 2/	1,232,656
Nanaimo	13,040	21,380	7,615
x New Westminster	7,275	7,850	2,077
Prince Rupert	54,300	123,435	26,610
x Vancouver 3/	2,955	7,000	5,329
North Vancouver	1,087,816	1,241,500	1,113,015
x Victoria	5,490	6,840	6,570
Total - 61 Cities	125,735	54,875	71,440
Total - 61 Cities	18,063,577	17,114,963 2/	21,558,085
Total - 35 Cities	14,891,639	15,475,311	17,803,977

Report not received. 2/ Includes Prince Rupert not shown in September report. 3/ Includes
 int Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately; from January, 1929, when the amal-
 nation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Van-
 over" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1929,
AND NOVEMBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$16,166,385. This was a seasonal decline of \$1,897,192 or 10.5 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$18,063,577, but an increase of \$335,549 or 2.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1928, figure of \$15,830,836. The total for November, 1929, was greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 61 cities are available, while cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1929 exceeds by ~~over~~ ^{the} \$17,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level of this ~~ten years'~~ record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,000,000 and about 2,500 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$10,500,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October, that of \$969,981 or 11.3 p.c. in Ontario being largest. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,119,871 or 38.5 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1928, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases, that of \$1,197,458 or 16 p.c. in Ontario being most noteworthy. The greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$736,676 or 27.7 p.c. in British Columbia.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal recorded a decline in the value of building authorized in November, as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with November of a year ago. In Toronto, there were important gains in both comparisons; Winnipeg reported a decrease as compared with October, 1929, but the total exceeded that for November, 1928, while in Vancouver the aggregate was greater than in the preceding month, but smaller than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Saint John, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported higher building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1929.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The January-November index numbers of the wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued first eleven months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100)
1929	\$16,166,385	\$220,152,532	196.3	99.5
1928	15,830,836	203,010,525	181.0	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	154.1	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	129.2	100.2
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	104.9	103.8
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	107.1	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	112.8	111.7
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	123.6	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	99.2	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	100.0	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 8.4 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in most of the years since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1929, and November, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1929	October, 1929	November, 1928
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia			
X Halifax	487,877	116,507	67,470
New Glasgow	460,380	101,857	48,365
X Sydney	5,050	1,120	4,970
New Brunswick	22,447	13,530	14,135
Fredericton	246,622	131,192	82,245
X Moncton	-	-	Nil
X Saint John	34,923	46,390	66,360
Quebec	211,699	84,802	15,885
X Montreal - X Maisonneuve	3,380,824	5,500,695	4,090,950
X Quebec	2,966,152	3,987,536	3,006,272
Shawinigan Falls	249,412	644,374	270,895
X Sherbrooke	21,100	200,060	242,075
X Three Rivers	30,850	57,600	95,683
X Westmount	36,260	260,225	92,625
Ontario	77,050	350,900	383,400
Belleville	8,688,304	7,718,323	7,490,846
X Brantford	48,075	129,400	23,093
Chatham	4,342	26,554	26,413
X Fort William	55,550	40,615	41,600
Galt	10,460	65,900	23,850
X Guelph	28,820	180,030	56,685
X Hamilton	40,505	81,145	2,770
X Kingston	486,470	381,600	381,550
X Kitchener	41,390	332,814	132,920
X Kitchener	54,553	141,715	26,459
X London	144,550	329,145	331,370
Niagara Falls	78,990	62,400	43,205
Oshawa	34,425	429,485	78,225
X Ottawa	114,665	326,925	245,915
Owen Sound	3,000	10,100	11,600
X Peterborough	14,000	43,475	29,360
X Port Arthur	10,455	29,343	250,469
X Stratford	5,875	10,764	14,007
X St. Catharines	79,825	163,757	141,947
X St. Thomas	1,435	3,265	231,114
Sarnia	39,620	67,963	48,352
Sault Ste. Marie	13,980	40,666	61,095
X Toronto	6,312,638	2,927,263	3,766,443
York & East York Townships	576,129	1,094,635	874,373
Welland	1,605	6,590	550
X Windsor	172,530	178,645	224,295
East Windsor	13,215	36,698	49,750
Riverside	2,600	11,650	20,250
Sandwich	53,850	347,500	50,350
Walkerville	28,000	175,000	292,000
Woodstock	16,752	43,281	10,836
Manitoba	622,984	668,997	375,075
X Brandon	34,304	5,682	12,700
St. Boniface	28,480	58,415	59,725
X Winnipeg	560,200	604,900	302,650
Saskatchewan	417,608	1,402,810	390,746
X Moose Jaw	192,055	133,022	27,400
X Regina	150,878	749,263	189,221
X Saskatoon	74,675	520,525	174,125
Alberta	400,363	1,228,442	675,025
X Calgary	215,803	529,612	378,709
X Edmonton	176,420	616,995	224,221
Lethbridge	6,550	48,295	57,220
Medicine Hat	1,490	33,540	14,875
British Columbia	1,921,803	1,296,611	2,658,479
Kamloops	13,650	13,040	25,200
Nanaimo	3,910	7,275	5,500
X New Westminster	107,650	54,300	182,820
Prince Rupert	7,442	2,955	6,355
X Vancouver 1/	1,679,041	1,087,816	2,375,140
North Vancouver	24,705	5,490	18,780
X Victoria	85,405	125,735	44,684
Total - 61 Cities	16,166,385	18,063,577	15,830,836
X Total - 35 Cities	15,059,297	14,891,639	13,339,532

1/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1929, AND DECEMBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1929.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1929, represented construction work valued at \$15,585,992, as compared with \$16,166,385 in November, 1929, and \$16,095,160 in December, 1928. There was, therefore, a decline of \$580,393, or 3.6 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$509,168, or 3.2 p.c. in comparison with the figures for the same month in 1928, which was the highest December on record.

Detailed statements were received from some 40 cities, showing that they had issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at some \$3,400,000 and about 1,100 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$11,800,000. During November, the construction was authorized of some 900 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000 and \$10,500,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the authorized building, the gain of \$1,465,995, or 466.2 p.c., in Alberta being especially pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere indicated, that of \$892,485, or 26.4 p.c., in Québec was greatest.

All provinces except Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases over December, 1928, in the value of the building authorized. Alberta showed the most marked gain of \$1,715,023, while the greatest decrease was that of \$1,755,435, or 18.1 p.c., in Ontario.

Montreal showed decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, and also in comparison with December, 1928. In Toronto and Winnipeg, there were losses in the former and gains in the latter comparison, while Vancouver reported increases over both November, 1929, and December, 1928. Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Kingston, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Boniface, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops and New Westminster also recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1929.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1929 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1929 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-1929. (Average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1920=100).	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials twelve months, (1926=100).
	\$	\$		
1929	15,585,992	235,658,524	201.4	98.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	187.2	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,615,742	157.8	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	133.6	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	108.2	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	108.6
1921	5,537,330	126,794,414	99.8	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	152.4

The December total for the 61 cities, as shown above, was only once exceeded in the record, while the unrevised statistics for 1929 indicate that last year's aggregate was larger than in any other of the nine preceding years, exceeding the previous high level of 1928 by nearly eight p.c. It is worthy of note that the 1929 total was rather greater than the combined aggregates for the years 1920 and 1921. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities, - \$211,777,000 - is also the highest in the record (which for these 35 centres goes back to 1910) exceeding by about 13 p.c. the previous maximum of \$187,269,000 in 1928.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1929	November, 1929	December, 1928
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	68,930	487,877	89,030
X Halifax	63,930	460,380	72,805
New Glasgow	Nil	5,050	700
X Sydney	5,000	22,447	15,525
New Brunswick	175,268	246,622	11,850
Fredericton	Nil	-	Nil
X Moncton	31,760	34,923	1,310
X Saint John	143,508	211,699	10,540
Quebec	2,488,339	3,380,824	3,645,317
X Montreal - X Maisonneuve	1,556,954	2,966,152	3,183,850
X Quebec	180,575	249,412	235,017
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	21,100	15,000
X Sherbrooke	16,000	30,850	27,300
X Three Rivers	279,300	36,260	63,775
X Westmount	455,510	77,050	120,375
Ontario	7,934,887	8,688,304	9,690,322
Belleville	400	48,075	6,200
X Brantford	13,124	4,342	35,288
Chatham	134,650	55,550	62,700
X Fort William	2,850	10,460	4,400
Galt	740	28,820	5,450
X Guelph	16,765	40,505	38,185
X Hamilton	151,600	486,470	145,400
X Kingston	908,900	41,390	17,845
X Kitchener	23,356	54,553	295,830
X London	38,715	144,550	76,870
Niagara Falls	26,350	78,990	36,465
Oshawa	60,300	34,425	524,732
X Ottawa	21,300	114,665	2,532,240
Owen Sound	150	3,000	2,500
X Peterborough	56,475	14,000	16,765
X Port Arthur	6,400	10,455	23,410
X Stratford	7,825	5,875	22,475
X St. Catharines	18,575	79,825	17,510
X St. Thomas	730	1,435	2,185
Sarnia	14,180	39,620	52,750
Sault Ste. Marie	17,927	13,980	3,788
X Toronto	6,199,952	6,512,638	4,290,021
York and East York Townships	143,173	576,129	348,395
Welland	75	1,605	3,500
X Windsor	45,850	172,530	249,025
East Windsor	675	13,215	42,985
Riverside	300	2,600	43,100
Sandwich	6,550	53,850	6,300
Walkerville	17,000	28,000	657,000
Woodstock	Nil	16,752	127,008
Manitoba	440,071	622,984	145,165
X Brandon	6,268	34,304	920
St. Boniface	45,703	28,480	30,995
X Winnipeg	388,100	560,200	113,250
Saskatchewan	488,024	417,608	454,425
X Moose Jaw	4,775	192,055	2,450
X Regina	426,024	150,878	283,975
X Saskatoon	57,225	74,675	168,000
Alberta	1,866,358	400,363	151,335
X Calgary	1,836,508	215,803	100,520
X Edmonton	19,005	176,420	27,060
Lethbridge	8,720	6,650	18,480
Medicine Hat	2,125	1,490	5,275
British Columbia	2,124,115	1,921,803	1,907,716
Kamloops	16,206	13,650	6,000
Nanaimo	1,125	3,910	7,115
X New Westminster	143,750	107,650	23,310
Prince Rupert	2,500	7,442	5,075
X Vancouver 1/	1,917,790	1,679,041	1,722,907
North Vancouver	2,500	24,705	11,730
X Victoria	40,244	85,405	131,579
Total - 61 Cities	15,585,992	16,166,385	16,095,160
X Total - 35 Cities	15,084,643	15,059,297	13,372,727

1/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1929, AND JANUARY, 1929.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the aggregate was also lower than in January, 1929 and 1928. It was, however, greater than in the same month of any other year since this record was instituted in 1920. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$7,189,741, as compared with \$14,688,682 in December, 1929, and \$8,416,880 in January, 1929. There was, therefore, a reduction of 51.1 p.c. in the former, but of only 14.6 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,400,000 and nearly 900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,700,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,100 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, the gain of 119.9 p.c. in the last named being most noteworthy. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$4,075,707, or 58 p.c., in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with January, 1929, there were increases in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, while there was also a very slight gain in Quebec. The most marked advance in this comparison was in Saskatchewan, where the value of the building authorized increased by \$982,323, or 1077.5 p.c. Reductions were recorded in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia, that of \$1,959,337, or 40 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

In Toronto and Vancouver, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year. Winnipeg showed an advance in both comparisons, while in Montreal the January total was lower than in December, but higher than in January, 1929. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sherbrooke, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Walkerville, Saskatoon and Nanaimo.

The value of the permits issued by 61 cities in January of the years 1920-30 is shown below.

Year	Value \$
1930	7,189,741
1929	8,416,880
1928	7,716,587
1927	5,676,537
1926	4,719,534
1925	5,447,270
1924	4,460,579
1923	4,139,498
1922	3,326,537
1921	2,595,564
1920	4,017,024

As previously stated, the 1930 figure for January was only twice exceeded in the 11 years' record, i.e., by the aggregates for 1929 and 1928.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1930, and December and January, 1929. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January 1930	December 1929	January 1929
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	148,540	68,930	423,450
x Halifax	148,540	63,930	423,400
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	50
x Sydney	Nil	5,000	Nil
New Brunswick	22,210	175,268	7,585
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	31,760	2,500
x Saint John	22,210	143,508	5,085
Quebec	1,060,733	2,488,339	1,060,305
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	891,875	1,556,954	856,515
x Quebec	54,158	180,575	65,880
Shawinigan Falls	800	Nil	8,000
x Sherbrooke	73,600	16,000	27,000
x Three Rivers	300	279,300	18,900
x Westmount	40,000	455,510	84,000
Ontario	2,951,870	7,027,577	4,911,207
Belleville	Nil	400	Nil
x Brantford	13,904	13,124	3,884
Chatham	35,700	134,650	1,500
x Fort William	2,000	2,850	3,200
Galt	3,035	740	23,374
x Guelph	8,360	16,765	47,640
x Hamilton	320,650	151,600	283,800
x Kingston	15,825	1,590	9,310
x Kitchener	18,696	23,356	17,067
x London	44,150	38,715	28,125
Niagara Falls	15,180	26,350	37,212
Oshawa	4,250	60,300	570
x Ottawa	44,500	21,300	255,400
Owen Sound	Nil	150	Nil
x Peterborough	19,325	56,475	11,450
x Port Arthur	450	6,400	9,310
x Stratford	42,325	7,825	3,815
x St. Catharines	43,965	18,575	18,075
x St. Thomas	300	730	950
Sarnia	75,385	14,180	30,236
Sault Ste. Marie	1,845	17,927	4,484
x Toronto	1,730,887	6,199,952	3,019,162
York and East York Townships	133,100	143,173	449,125
Welland	170	75	20,400
x Windsor	217,840	45,850	348,900
East Windsor	1,700	675	6,300
Riverside	4,200	300	8,600
Sandwich	61,100	6,550	224,600
Walkerville	90,000	17,000	31,000
Woodstock	3,028	Nil	13,718
Manitoba	722,700	440,071	261,985
x Brandon	Nil	6,268	Nil
St. Boniface	2,500	45,703	16,885
x Winnipeg	720,200	388,100	245,100
Saskatchewan	1,073,493	488,024	91,170
x Moose Jaw	Nil	4,775	21,350
x Regina	54,143	426,024	65,220
x Saskatoon	1,019,350	57,225	4,600
Alberta	231,721	1,866,358	135,173
x Calgary	191,636	1,836,508	79,913
x Edmonton	20,600	19,005	27,100
Lethbridge	17,885	8,720	28,160
Medicine Hat	1,500	2,125	Nil
British Columbia	978,474	2,134,115	1,526,005
Kamloops	Nil	16,206	Nil
Nanaimo	17,500	1,125	Nil
x New Westminster	12,125	143,750	37,425
Prince Rupert	4,600	2,500	7,050
x Vancouver	866,744	1,917,790	1,226,405
North Vancouver	3,800	2,500	14,150
x Victoria	73,705	50,244	240,975
Total - 61 Cities	7,189,741	14,688,682	8,416,880
xTotal - 35 Cities	6,712,363	14,187,333	7,491,466

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY,
1930, AND FEBRUARY, 1929.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$1,638,129 or 22.8 p.c. than in the preceding month, but was lower by \$1,637,460 or 15.6 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$8,827,870 during February, 1930, as compared with \$7,189,741 in January, 1930, and \$10,465,330 in February, 1929. The February, 1930, total was twice exceeded in the 11 years' record, the aggregates for 1929 and 1928 having both been larger, but it was considerably greater than the average February figure, while the cost of building materials was lower than in any other year of the record except 1928, when the index was fractionally lower.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 600 permits for dwellings valued at over \$2,000,000, and more than 1,100 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$6,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 900 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,400,000 and \$5,700,000, respectively.

All provinces except Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1930; the largest gain, of \$1,283,010, or 43.5 p.c., took place in Ontario.

As compared with February, 1929, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec registered gains, that of \$809,422, or 89.4 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,503,261 or 26.2 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1930, and February, 1929. In Toronto and Vancouver, there were gains as compared with the preceding month, but the totals were lower than in the same month of last year, while Winnipeg reported a decline in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following registered increases in the value of building authorized during February as compared with January, 1930, and February, 1929:—Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Welland, East Windsor, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as the index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months, (1926 = 100).
1930	\$ 8,827,870	\$16,017,611	157.4	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	185.6	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	177.3	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	116.6	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	137.5

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1930 was lower by 15.2 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was considerably greater than the average for these last eleven years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January and February, 1930, and February, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus, "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1930	January, 1930	February, 1929
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	324,825	148,540	23,532
New Glasgow	321,405	148,540	15,432
x Sydney	700	Nil	1,200
New Brunswick	2,720	Nil	6,900
Fredericton	458,495	22,210	10,905
x Moncton	416,000	Nil	5,000
x Saint John	14,050	Nil	1,300
Quebec	28,445	22,210	4,605
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,715,307	1,060,733	905,885
x Quebec	1,458,790	891,875	767,610
Shawinigan Falls	111,717	54,158	77,275
x Sherbrooke	42,250	800	5,200
x Three Rivers	19,900	73,600	20,000
x Westmount	45,450	300	25,400
Ontario	37,200	40,000	10,400
Belleville	4,234,880	2,951,870	5,738,141
x Brantford	8,750	Nil	9,650
Chatham	7,770	13,904	4,150
x Fort William	406,750	35,700	131,000
Galt	30,000	2,000	22,450
x Guelph	4,950	3,035	3,675
x Hamilton	7,740	8,360	7,885
x Kingston	516,200	320,650	255,800
x Kitchener	32,050	15,825	70
x London	12,675	18,696	61,217
Niagara Falls	31,815	44,150	135,200
Oshawa	20,850	15,180	57,191
x Ottawa	5,875	4,250	22,250
Owen Sound	97,430	44,500	91,035
x Peterborough	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	1,000	19,325	7,535
x Stratford	10,055	450	9,510
x St. Catharines	36,200	42,325	510
x St. Thomas	14,865	43,965	116,200
Sarnia	835	300	45,600
Sault Ste. Marie	16,490	75,385	70,085
x Toronto	1,675	1,845	5,660
York & East York Townships	2,632,228	1,730,887	2,710,559
Welland	166,509	133,100	806,950
x Windsor	20,685	170	1,700
East Windsor	66,690	217,840	687,750
Riverside	14,750	1,700	8,700
Sandwich	35,000	4,200	87,700
Walkerville	12,900	61,100	2,250
Woodstock	18,000	90,000	371,000
Manitoba	4,143	3,028	4,859
x Brandon	403,270	722,700	515,350
St. Boniface	Nil	Nil	5,800
x Winnipeg	6,570	2,500	10,800
Saskatchewan	396,700	720,200	498,750
x Moose Jaw	57,056	1,073,493	270,075
x Regina	625	Nil	1,400
x Saskatoon	8,506	54,143	158,750
Alberta	47,925	1,019,350	109,925
x Calgary	256,987	231,721	1,170,870
x Edmonton	205,148	191,636	1,094,440
Lethbridge	39,490	20,600	71,150
Medicine Hat	7,084	17,985	4,180
British Columbia	5,265	1,500	1,100
Kamloops	1,377,050	978,474	1,830,572
Nanaimo	15,690	Nil	1,000
x New Westminster	3,420	17,500	4,735
Prince Rupert	44,755	12,125	19,275
x Vancouver	26,736	4,600	2,360
North Vancouver	1,081,544	866,744	1,525,785
x Victoria	16,835	3,800	10,250
Total - 61 Cities	188,070	73,705	267,167
x Total - 35 Cities	8,827,870	7,189,741	10,465,330
	7,549,993	6,712,363	8,836,835

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1930
AND MARCH, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1930.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$13,352,640; this was an increase of \$4,524,770 or 51.3 p.c. over the February total of \$8,827,870 but a decrease of \$10,715,378 or 44.5 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$24,068,018 reported for the same month in 1929. Last year's total was the highest for March since this record was commenced in 1920. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, showed a slight increase over the same period for 1929.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at about \$4,000,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,000,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and nearly 1,100 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,000,000 and \$6,000,000 respectively.

All provinces except New Brunswick and Manitoba reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$1,170,642 in Alberta.

As compared with March, 1929, British Columbia was the only province to record an advance, where there was a gain of \$1,097,069 or 75.9 p.c. There were decreases in every other province, the greatest decline of \$8,740,994 or 76.8 p.c. being in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a gain as compared with the preceding month but a loss as compared with March of last year, while Toronto showed a decrease in both cases. In Winnipeg, there was a loss in the former, as well as in the latter comparison, while Vancouver showed gains in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, East Windsor, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Victoria reported higher totals than in either February, 1930 or March, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1930.

The following tables gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March, and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926 = 100)

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of per- mits issued in First Quarter (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926 = 100)
	\$	\$		
1930	13,352,640	29,370,251	152.8	100.6
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	226.8	100.1
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	175.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	132.4	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	95.4	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	103.0	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	135.7
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	139.4

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1930 was thus considerably less than in the corresponding periods of 1929 or 1920. It was, however, substantially larger than in the first quarters of any of the years from 1920-1927.

The Table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in February and March, 1930, and March, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities

March, 1930

February, 1930

March, 1929

	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	15,000
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	349,527	324,825	568,365
New Glasgow	347,102	321,405	551,070
x Sydney	1,035	700	Nil
New Brunswick	1,390	2,720	17,295
Fredericton	227,365	458,495	305,290
x Moncton	6,000	416,000	13,000
x Saint John	77,215	14,050	2,595
Quebec	144,150	28,445	289,695
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,632,961	1,715,307	11,373,955
x Quebec	1,666,770	1,458,790	10,954,170
Shawinigan Falls	332,441	111,717	233,145
x Sherbrooke	234,900	42,250	30,315
x Three Rivers	16,800	19,900	35,060
x Westmount	112,050	45,450	74,275
Ontario	270,000	37,200	46,990
Belleville	5,237,858	4,234,880	6,650,107
x Brantford	27,400	8,750	7,800
Chatham	20,869	7,770	17,740
x Fort William	32,850	406,750	20,200
Galt	32,000	30,000	53,025
x Guelph	10,613	4,950	28,800
x Hamilton	22,962	7,740	28,125
x Kingston	1,025,600	516,200	786,350
x Kitchener	26,300	32,050	32,785
x London	75,419	12,675	302,842
Niagara Falls	79,075	31,815	101,450
Oshawa	46,745	20,850	29,150
x Ottawa	7,950	5,875	61,050
Owen Sound	163,260	97,430	160,430
x Peterborough	1,700	Nil	28,000
x Port Arthur	29,865	1,000	24,515
x Stratford	7,785	10,055	23,875
x St. Catharines	9,710	36,200	26,680
x St. Thomas	77,935	14,865	34,135
Sarnia	6,380	835	12,225
Sault Ste. Marie	56,000	16,490	37,576
x Toronto	15,695	1,675	17,050
York & East York Townships	2,451,868	2,632,228	2,830,217
Welland	649,930	166,509	1,029,530
x Windsor	2,875	20,685	1,490
East Windsor	198,170	66,690	426,965
Riverside	97,925	14,750	91,186
Sandwich	20,100	35,000	28,625
Walkerville	10,950	12,900	27,950
Woodstock	16,000	18,000	355,000
Manitoba	13,927	4,143	25,341
x Brandon	295,645	403,270	1,019,277
St. Boniface	139,150	Nil	10,927
x Winnipeg	15,945	6,570	16,100
Saskatchewan	140,550	396,700	992,250
x Moose Jaw	638,465	57,056	1,157,820
x Regina	111,490	625	5,215
x Saskatoon	446,530	8,508	779,745
Alberta	80,445	47,925	372,860
x Calgary	1,427,629	256,987	1,532,083
x Edmonton	321,539	205,148	688,448
Lethbridge	1,060,575	39,490	798,825
Medicine Hat	40,050	7,084	27,705
British Columbia	5,465	5,265	17,105
Kamloops	2,543,190	1,377,050	1,446,121
Nanaimo	13,595	15,690	15,675
New Westminster	175	3,420	4,100
Prince Rupert	39,225	44,755	81,940
x Vancouver	9,100	26,736	800
North Vancouver	1,785,435	1,081,544	1,226,250
x Victoria	11,790	16,835	21,475
	683,870	188,070	95,881
Total - 61 Cities	13,352,640	8,827,870	24,068,018
x Total - 35 Cities	11,964,700	7,549,993	22,117,995

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1930,
AND APRIL, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$16,276,443 during April, as compared with \$13,352,640 in the preceding month and \$29,656,709 in the same month of last year, which had constituted a high record for the month of April. There was, therefore, an increase of \$2,923,803 or 21.9 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$13,380,266, or 45.1 p.c., as compared with April, 1929. The aggregate for the elapsed months of this year, viz., \$45,646,694, was only twice exceeded in the years since 1920, the totals for 1929 and 1928 having been larger. This year, however, wholesale costs of building materials have averaged lower than in any of the past ten years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$5,000,000 and for some 3,300 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$8,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of some 1,000 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$4,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of building permits issued during April as compared with March, the greatest gains of \$1,238,824, or 23.2 p.c., and \$1,087,129, or 478.1 p.c., taking place in Ontario and New Brunswick, respectively.

As compared with April, 1929, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized; New Brunswick indicated the most pronounced advance of \$1,113,085. Among the remaining provinces, the greatest decline, of \$4,307,677 or 63.5 p.c., was in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but losses as compared with April, 1929. In Montreal and Vancouver there were declines in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Charlottetown, Saint John, Three Rivers, Guelph, London, Owen Sound, Stratford, Sarnia, Nanaimo and North Vancouver reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1930, and April, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in April	Value of Permits Issued in First Four Months	Indexes of value of Permits issued in First Four Months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Four Months (1926 average =100).
1930	\$ 16,276,443	\$ 45,646,694	132.1	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,506,937	210.1	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	149.8	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	122.5	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,533,073	120.2	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,465,398	102.6	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	91.8	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	112.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	99.9	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,369,872	73.3	136.9
1920	15,648,325	34,558,901	100.	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was smaller than in 1929 and 1928, but was substantially higher than in any of the eight preceding years, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1930, and April, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1930	March, 1930	April, 1929
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 47,500	\$ Nil	\$ 5,000
Nova Scotia	654,540	349,527	1,520,931
x Halifax	616,620	347,102	1,419,295
New Glasgow	30,700	1,035	81,875
x Sydney	7,220	1,390	19,761
New Brunswick	1,314,494	227,365	201,409
Fredericton	4,000	6,000	Nil
x Moncton	27,405	77,215	58,955
x Saint John	1,283,089	144,150	142,454
Quebec	2,476,778	2,632,961	6,784,455
x Montreal x Maisonneuve	1,403,765	1,666,770	4,955,460
x Quebec	529,385	332,441	995,620
Shawinigan Falls	21,200	234,900	48,825
x Sherbrooke	63,400	16,800	87,000
x Three Rivers	438,695	112,050	255,075
x Westmount	20,333	270,000	442,475
Ontario	6,456,682	5,237,358	10,181,046
Belleville	15,340	27,400	13,515
x Brantford	32,887	20,869	75,116
Chatham	23,720	32,850	46,225
x Fort William	49,200	32,000	1,035,225
Galt	34,785	10,613	58,135
x Guelph	54,778	22,962	48,465
x Hamilton	675,900	1,025,600	353,150
x Kingston	78,713	26,300	86,759
x Kitchener	251,566	75,419	272,140
x London	436,320	79,075	206,985
Niagara Falls	65,320	46,745	151,128
Oshawa	17,835	7,950	69,750
x Ottawa	279,095	163,260	500,000
Owen Sound	12,700	1,700	6,000
x Peterborough	36,945	29,865	130,965
x Port Arthur	32,410	7,785	75,125
x Stratford	68,891	9,710	59,485
x St. Catharines	76,665	77,935	328,903
x St. Thomas	14,410	6,380	22,340
Sarnia	60,861	56,000	42,082
Sault Ste. Marie	56,812	15,695	89,634
x Toronto	2,742,750	2,451,868	3,350,436
York and East York Townships	871,048	649,930	919,580
Welland	16,135	2,875	18,530
x Windsor	174,975	198,170	737,966
East Windsor	77,450	97,925	117,300
Riverside	22,350	20,100	96,500
Sandwich	9,975	10,950	78,375
Walkerville	141,000	16,000	233,000
Woodstock	19,846	13,927	98,232
Manitoba	862,327	295,645	1,971,919
x Brandon	9,812	139,150	68,204
St. Boniface	16,365	15,945	34,765
x Winnipeg	836,150	140,550	1,868,950
Saskatchewan	1,232,572	638,465	3,205,536
x Moose Jaw	47,610	111,490	46,990
x Regina	445,257	446,530	2,186,458
x Saskatoon	739,705	80,445	972,038
Alberta	1,865,175	1,427,629	1,766,147
x Calgary	847,888	321,539	935,907
x Edmonton	922,480	1,060,575	528,735
Lethbridge	92,312	40,050	135,125
Medicine Hat	2,495	5,465	166,330
British Columbia	1,366,375	2,543,190	4,020,366
Kamloops	30,835	13,595	31,464
Nanaimo	11,225	175	6,000
x New Westminster	99,470	39,285	125,300
Prince Rupert	3,250	9,100	22,050
x Vancouver	1,114,450	1,785,435	1,431,295
North Vancouver	19,315	11,790	10,425
x Victoria	87,830	683,670	2,347,732
Total - 61 Cities	16,276,443	13,752,640	29,656,709
x Total - 35 Cities	14,452,599	11,964,700	27,116,854

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1930,
AND MAY, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1930

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1930 was higher by 20.5 p.c. than in April, 1930, but lower by 18.9 p.c. than in May, 1929. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$19,621,302 as compared with \$16,286,993 in the preceding month and \$24,185,738 in May, 1929. The total for the first five months of 1930, namely, \$65,267,996, was higher than that for the corresponding period of any of the years from 1920 to 1927, but lower than in the same period of 1928 or 1929. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1930 than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$5,300,000 and for some 3,200 other buildings estimated to cost over \$10,000,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 1,400 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,000,000 and \$19,000,000 respectively.

Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba reported increases of 105.6 p.c., 32.4 p.c. and 25.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1930. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,185,714 or 90.2 p.c. in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1929, Ontario alone registered an increase. All the other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$2,068,204 or 28.9 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported a higher total of building permits issued than in April, 1930, but a lower than in May, 1929; in Toronto there was a decrease in both comparisons, while Winnipeg and Vancouver showed an increase in the first, but a loss in the second. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Welland, Woodstock, Kamloops and Prince Rupert recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1930

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average = 100)
	\$	\$		
1930	19,621,302	65,267,996	137.0	92.8
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	200.6	99.1
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	166.4	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	131.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	126.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	107.0	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	97.7	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	121.6	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	113.4	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	87.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	100.0	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was 32.6 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1930, and May, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities

Cities	May, 1930	April, 1930	May, 1929
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ 47,500	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	387,690	654,540	432,321
x Halifax	331,682	616,620	414,951
New Glasgow	9,950	30,700	4,850
x Sydney	46,058	7,220	12,520
New Brunswick	128,780	1,314,494	180,415
Fredericton	11/	4,000	5,500
x Moncton	87,225	27,405	84,135
x Saint John	41,555	1,283,089	90,780
Quebec	5,091,909	2,476,773	7,160,115
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,527,543	1,403,765	6,068,947
x Quebec	1,071,006	529,385	509,146
Shawinigan Falls	99,640	21,200	64,550
x Sherbrooke	97,300	63,400	87,300
x Three Rivers	35,920	438,695	122,000
x Westmount	260,500	20,333	308,170
Ontario	9,574,441	6,467,232	8,656,769
Belleville	29,975	15,340	30,125
x Brantford	28,792	32,887	81,180
Chatham	12,100	23,720	201,070
x Fort William	43,650	49,200	160,800
Galt	33,425	34,785	41,770
x Guelph	65,418	54,778	67,465
x Hamilton	334,650	675,900	615,850
x Kingston	271,886	78,713	21,827
x Kitchener	112,073	251,566	301,677
x London	1,125,730	433,320	342,405
Niagara Falls	108,260	65,320	62,430
Oshawa	16,710	17,835	270,360
x Ottawa	3,505,065	279,095	293,585
Owen Sound	10,150	12,700	35,200
x Peterborough	22,130	36,945	58,145
x Port Arthur	28,321	38,410	81,916
x Stratford	52,203	68,891	26,576
x St. Catharines	43,440	76,665	97,150
x St. Thomas	20,260	1/ 24,960	8,680
Sarnia	64,580	60,861	139,210
Sault Ste. Marie	61,498	56,812	71,506
x Toronto	2,520,908	2,742,750	4,137,328
York and East York Townships	806,050	871,048	880,395
Welland	28,660	16,135	10,175
x Windsor	143,772	174,075	365,930
East Windsor	8,170	77,450	104,850
Riverside	15,300	22,350	25,350
Sandwich	13,750	9,975	35,050
Walkerville	8,000	141,000	73,000
Woodstock	34,515	19,846	15,764
Manitoba	1,083,524	862,327	1,763,855
x Brandon	5,104	9,812	82,705
St. Boniface	18,220	16,365	92,300
x Winnipeg	1,060,200	836,150	1,588,250
Saskatchewan	1,148,134	1,232,572	2,321,119
x Moose Jaw	23,960	47,610	270,350
x Regina	409,969	445,257	1,209,599
x Saskatoon	714,205	739,705	841,170
Alberta	868,796	1,865,175	1,855,391
x Calgary	290,056	847,888	1,004,759
x Edmonton	503,210	922,480	788,450
Lethbridge	68,195	92,312	33,287
Medicine Hat	7,335	2,495	28,895
British Columbia	1,338,028	1,366,375	1,815,755
Kamloops	39,835	30,335	12,475
Nanaimo	3,600	11,225	10,460
x New Westminster	65,715	99,470	97,535
Prince Rupert	15,290	3,250	6,580
x Vancouver	1,153,485	1,114,450	1,408,350
North Vancouver	7,000	19,315	22,355
x Victoria	53,103	87,330	260,000
Total- 61 cities	19,621,302	16,286,993	24,185,738
x Total- 35 cities	18,101,094	14,435,149	21,908,231
1/ Corrected figure for St. Thomas	11/ Report not received.		

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1930, WIDE COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1930,
AND JUNE, 1929. AND CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1930.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$17,935,478; this was a decrease of \$1,685,824 or 8.6 p.c. as compared with the May total of \$19,621,302, while in comparison with June, 1929, there was also a decline of \$9,881,114 or 35.5 p.c., the value for that month having been \$27,816,592. The aggregate for the first half of 1930, though lower than in 1929 or 1928, was nevertheless considerably above the average for the last ten years, while the wholesale cost of building materials was lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$6,000,000 and some 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$11,000,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 1,300 dwellings and some 3,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,300,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1930, was reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$474,832 or 5.0 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$2,247,055 or 44.1 p.c. in Quebec was largest.

As compared with June, 1929, there were decreases in all provinces except Ontario, British Columbia reporting the greatest loss of \$4,324,240 or 75.6 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded important increases in the value of the permits issued, as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1929. Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed declines in both comparisons. Of the other cities, Sydney, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, St. Boniface, Lethbridge, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported improvement over May, 1930, and June, 1929.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1930, and June, 1929; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in June	Value of Permits Issued in First Six Months	Indexes of Value of Permits issued, First Six Months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building Materials in First Six Months (1926 average = 100).
	\$	\$		
1930	17,935,478	83,214,024	134.7	98.6
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	201.8	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	165.2	97.0
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	130.9	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	127.5	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,839,717	106.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	98.2	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	118.3	111.4
1922	17,052,82	71,281,674	115.4	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	90.3	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	100.0	144.5

The aggregate for the first half of 1930 was lower by \$41,395,243 or 33.2 p.c. than in 1929, in which year construction authorizations reached their highest level in this record; the total for the first half of the present year, however, was 7.4 p.c. above the six months' average of \$77,467,883 recorded in the ten years, 1920-1929. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, moreover, has been lower this year than in most of the years since 1920.

Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued.

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 61 cities during the first six months of each year since 1921; it also shows the totals for the same years, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

All provinces except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick reported smaller aggregates of building permits issued than in the first six months of last year; the increase of \$1,414,750 or 159 p.c. in the latter took place chiefly in Saint John. The New Brunswick total for the elapsed months of 1930 was the highest in the eleven years' record. Of the declines elsewhere indicated, that of \$17,008,173, or 52 p.c., in the six cities of Quebec was most pronounced. It is interesting, however, to note that the record of contracts awarded, maintained by the MacLean Building Review, shows for Quebec a substantial increase in the first six months of 1930, as compared with 1929. This took place chiefly in the business and engineering building divisions, the latter of which very often represents work outside the cities.

During the first six months of this year, the 31 cities furnishing returns in Ontario reported 46.3 p.c. of the total value of the building authorized, as compared with 37.0 in the same months of 1929. In Quebec, on the other hand, the proportion decreased from 26.3 p.c. last year, to 19.0 in the elapsed months of 1930, and in British Columbia, from 13.1 p.c. to 10.8 p.c.

Totals of Permits Issued by Four Leading Cities.

In Table 3, are given the aggregates of permits issued in the four largest cities in the first half of each year since 1921, together with the proportion that their totals are of the yearly and half-yearly totals for the 61 cities. The building authorized by these centres was valued at \$40,534,761 in the first six months of 1930; this was 38.7 p.c. lower than in the same months of last year and 17.2 p.c. less than in 1928. With these two exceptions, however, the building authorized considerably exceeded the aggregate for any other year of the record, in most of which the cost of building materials was higher. The decrease in these four cities as compared with 1929 was rather greater than the general decline in the 61 cities, and the ratio to the total for the 61 cities was lower than in the preceding year.

Contracts Awarded.

According to the MacLean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1930, was \$240,626,000, as compared with \$278,121,700 in 1929, \$256,257,300 in 1928 and \$191,323,800 in 1927. Of the total contracts awarded this year, \$48,586,100 was classed as residential building, \$82,722,900 as business, \$18,451,500 as industrial, and \$90,865,500 as engineering. In 1929, the total was divided as follows:- residential, \$69,513,300; business, \$94,255,300; industrial, \$37,719,600 and engineering, \$76,633,500. Thus the only increase as compared with the first half of 1929, was in the engineering class.

Table 1. Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1930	May, 1930	June, 1929
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	236,064	387,690	242,037
x Halifax	140,610	331,682	137,852
New Glasgow	1,600	9,950	93,250
x Sydney	93,854	46,058	10,935
New Brunswick	150,470	128,780	181,460
Fredericton	55,000	-	Nil
x Moncton	26,135	87,225	50,275
x Saint John	69,335	41,555	131,185
Quebec	2,844,854	5,091,909	5,546,002
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,985,518	3,527,543	3,697,114
x Quebec	505,811	1,071,006	1,193,273
Shawinigan Falls	5,500	99,640	80,065
x Sherbrooke	117,500	97,300	103,200
x Three Rivers	8,500	35,920	176,000
x Westmount	222,025	260,500	296,350
Ontario	10,049,273	9,574,441	9,974,637
Belleville	13,800	29,975	27,650
x Brantford	38,047	28,792	19,408
Chatham	30,135	12,100	55,000
x Fort William	60,500	43,650	180,900
Galt	27,531	33,425	16,130
x Guelph	29,701	65,418	168,295
x Hamilton	1,066,550	334,650	1,355,800
x Kingston	51,848	271,886	30,884
x Kitchener	129,811	112,073	131,255
x London	194,980	1,125,730	252,415
Niagara Falls	31,140	108,260	108,755
Oshawa	16,450	16,710	147,550
x Ottawa	255,480	3,505,065	502,960
Owen Sound	20,150	10,150	15,100
x Peterborough	484,105	22,130	18,445
x Port Arthur	42,685	28,321	169,420
x Stratford	28,531	52,203	111,041
x St. Catharines	58,620	48,440	103,550
x St. Thomas	80,800	20,260	24,235
Sarnia	90,013	64,580	448,029
Sault Ste. Marie	48,654	61,498	214,790
x Toronto	6,282,851	2,520,908	3,396,474
York and East York Townships	598,188	806,050	1,032,330
Welland	16,140	28,660	7,635
x Windsor	259,795	143,772	1,196,553
East Windsor	26,845	8,170	47,990
Riverside	7,100	15,300	65,450
Sandwich	14,380	13,750	52,200
Walkerville	23,000	8,000	60,000
Woodstock	21,443	34,515	14,393
Manitoba	1,085,432	1,083,524	1,580,386
x Brandon	1,602	5,104	15,426
St. Boniface	62,780	18,220	31,610
x Winnipeg	1,021,050	1,060,200	1,533,350
Saskatchewan	1,247,777	1,148,134	2,413,956
x Moose Jaw	26,075	23,960	41,426
x Regina	452,002	409,969	1,022,105
x Saskatoon	769,700	714,205	1,350,425
Alberta	928,434	868,796	2,160,700
x Calgary	278,881	290,056	1,106,965
x Edmonton	442,520	503,210	976,915
Lethbridge	196,453	68,195	64,940
Medicine Hat	10,580	7,335	11,880
British Columbia	1,393,174	1,338,028	5,717,414
Kamloops	2,615	39,835	80,600
Nanaimo	1,000	3,600	31,140
x New Westminster	106,300	65,715	39,119
Prince Rupert	36,260	15,290	15,375
x Vancouver	1,062,500	1,153,485	5,337,925
North Vancouver	9,450	7,000	120,600
x Victoria	175,049	53,103	22,655
Total - 61 cities	17,935,478	13,621,302	27,816,592
x Total - 35 cities	16,569,271	18,101,094	24,974,130

Table 2.- Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities during First Half-Year, 1921-1930.

Province	No. of Cities	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921
Prince Edward Isd.	1	47,500	20,000	Nil	Nil	17,000	11,000	16,700	27,500	49,500	127,200
Nova Scotia	3	2,101,186	3,210,636	1,297,200	1,009,780	294,397	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457
New Brunswick	3	2,301,814	887,064	762,468	1,046,970	551,353	755,090	304,289	446,666	1,107,458	534,855
Quebec	6	15,822,542	32,830,715	22,838,301	18,995,355	19,575,823	16,647,887	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750
Ontario	31	38,515,554	46,111,907	46,203,940	35,441,040	31,334,947	31,808,126	29,028,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123
Manitoba	3	4,452,898	7,112,772	6,890,235	5,037,703	8,491,110	3,140,730	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,439,403	3,696,283
Saskatchewan	3	5,397,497	9,459,676	5,093,105	4,202,147	2,884,162	1,506,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,437,585	1,874,257
Alberta	4	5,578,742	8,620,364	6,338,136	3,297,769	2,429,373	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465
British Columbia	7	8,996,291	16,356,133	12,613,602	11,811,955	13,182,254	9,669,617	7,610,764	4,799,270	5,449,206	5,401,294
Canada 6 months	61	83,214,024	124,609,267	102,036,987	80,842,719	78,760,419	65,899,717	60,674,154	73,047,496	71,281,674	55,771,684
Canada 12 months		-	234,944,549	219,105,715	184,613,742	156,386,607	125,029,367	126,583,148	133,521,621	148,215,407	116,794,414
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year		-	53.0	46.6	43.8	50.4	52.7	47.9	54.7	48.1	47.8
1/ Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, 6 months		98.6	99.6	97.0	96.6	101.0	103.1	110.8	111.4	108.0	132.0
2/ Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)		-	197.5	185.6	179.3	172.1	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average 1926 = 100.

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average 1913 = 100.

Table 3.- Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1921-1930.

City	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Montreal	10,934,261	27,299,816	15,356,336	11,689,052	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774	7,330,178
Toronto	18,361,492	19,944,176	20,334,098	13,038,265	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813
Winnipeg	4,174,850	6,727,250	6,153,000	4,579,300	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050
Vancouver	7,064,158	12,204,010	7,105,285	6,023,951	7,756,825	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,382
Total, 4 largest cities 6 months	40,534,761	66,175,252	48,948,719	35,330,568	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423
Total, 4 largest cities 12 months	-	126,387,555	111,279,782	94,732,185	83,613,495	63,438,784	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year	-	52.4 p.c.	44.0 p.c.	37.3 p.c.	48.4 p.c.	50.1 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months, to 6 months' total for 61 cities -	48.7 p.c.	53.3 p.c.	48.0 p.c.	43.4 p.c.	51.4 p.c.	48.2 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	42.6 p.c.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1930, AND
JULY, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decrease of \$2,204,514 or 12.3 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decline of \$6,971,620 or 30.7 p.c. as compared with July, 1929. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1930, was \$15,730,964, as against \$17,935,478 in June, 1930, and \$22,702,584 in July, 1929. The total for the first seven months of 1930, though lower than 1929 or 1928, was nevertheless higher than in any of the years 1920-1927, and was also higher than the average for the last ten years, while the wholesale cost of building materials was lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 900 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$3,500,000, and some 2,300 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$7,200,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,200 dwellings and 2,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Increases over June were reported in Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, where there were gains of 47.3, 24.8 and 4.7 p.c., respectively. Of the reductions in the other provinces, that of \$3,743,437 or 37.3 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1929, New Brunswick and Quebec registered improvement, there being gains of 45.6 p.c. and 7.2 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Elsewhere declines were indicated, that of \$3,031,228 or 32.5 p.c. in Ontario being largest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported an increase over June, 1930, and also over July, 1929. Vancouver showed a gain in the former but a decline in the latter comparison, while Toronto and Winnipeg recorded losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Moncton, Quebec, Chatham, Fort William, Guelph, Kingston, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Sarnia, East Windsor, Woodstock, Edmonton, Kamloops, Nanaimo and North Vancouver showed gains as compared with both June, 1930, and July, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July \$	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months \$	Indexes of value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months (1926 average = 100).
1930	15,730,964	98,944,988	131.1	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	194.7	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	169.3	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	96.7
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	129.1	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less by 32.8 p.c. than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but it was six p.c. greater than the average of \$93,621,807 recorded in the ten years, 1920-29, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1930, and July, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1930	June, 1930	July, 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	76,865	236,064	681,845
New Glasgow	67,090	140,610	508,700
x Sydney	5,850	1,600	94,560
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	3,925	93,854	78,585
x Moncton	67,430	150,470	46,313
x Saint John	1,000	55,000	Nil
Quebec	39,850	26,135	15,215
x Montreal- x Maisonneuve	26,580	69,335	31,098
x Quebec	5,394,413	2,844,854	5,033,345
Shawinigan Falls	4,640,795	1,985,518	3,689,065
x Sherbrooke	565,718	505,811	525,075
x Three Rivers	21,350	5,500	47,680
x Westmount	71,200	117,500	133,200
Ontario			
Belleville	20,180	8,500	38,825
x Brantford	75,170	222,025	599,500
Chatham	6,305,836	10,049,273	9,337,064
x Fort William	14,600	13,800	201,775
Galt	146,317	38,047	90,755
x Guelph	32,550	30,135	9,150
x Hamilton	284,625	60,500	76,475
x Kingston	32,297	27,531	41,990
x Kitchener	61,847	29,701	37,507
x London	468,850	1,066,550	438,800
Niagara Falls	111,966	51,848	51,655
Oshawa	79,440	129,811	120,892
x Ottawa	118,330	194,980	250,235
Owen Sound	17,735	31,140	42,502
x Peterborough	64,130	16,450	283,550
x Port Arthur	1,070,775	255,480	321,700
x Stratford	12,000	20,150	22,000
x St. Catharines	31,000	484,105	27,650
x St. Thomas	85,150	42,685	65,336
Sarnia	59,512	28,531	73,586
Sault Ste. Marie	51,620	58,620	91,722
x Toronto	14,475	80,800	12,900
York and East York Townships	93,425	90,013	54,620
Welland	21,195	48,654	77,755
x Windsor	2,319,434	6,282,851	4,895,224
East Windsor	436,578	598,188	1,172,220
Riverside	12,575	16,140	179,500
Sandwich	457,722	259,795	474,760
Walkerville	145,390	26,845	30,768
Woodstock	4,500	7,100	22,500
Manitoba			
x Brandon	8,725	14,380	24,775
St. Boniface	14,000	23,000	115,000
x Winnipeg	35,073	21,443	29,762
Saskatchewan			
x Moose Jaw	386,610	1,085,432	1,520,832
x Regina	7,500	1,602	83,702
x Saskatoon	29,560	62,780	82,480
Alberta			
x Calgary	349,550	1,021,050	1,354,650
x Edmonton	882,326	1,247,777	1,278,380
Lethbridge	8,250	26,075	23,800
Medicine Hat	210,451	452,002	799,785
British Columbia			
Kamloops	663,625	769,700	454,795
Nanaimo	1,158,323	928,434	2,062,529
x New Westminster	250,038	278,881	1,473,729
Prince Rupert	769,325	442,520	463,735
x Vancouver	132,460	196,453	100,925
North Vancouver	6,500	10,580	24,140
x Victoria	1,459,161	1,393,174	2,742,276
Total - 61 Cities	33,000	2,615	19,112
x Total - 35 Cities	47,018	1,000	9,470
	30,450	106,300	57,525
	20,060	36,260	15,675
	1,214,230	1,062,500	2,534,230
	18,595	9,450	15,075
	95,808	175,049	91,189
	15,730,964	17,935,478	22,702,584
	14,470,798	16,569,271	19,985,600

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1930, AND
AUGUST, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1930.

There was a slight seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1930, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable decrease; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$13,817,745, as compared with \$15,730,964 in July, 1930, and \$21,532,221 in August, 1929. There was, therefore, a decrease of 12.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 36.0 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year continued higher than the average for the same period of the ten years, 1920-1929, though it was exceeded by the totals for the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued over 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and nearly 2,500 permits for other buildings valued at about \$9,800,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 900 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated at about \$3,500,000 and \$7,200,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported gains as compared with July, 1930, that of \$707,210, or 920.1 p.c. in Nova Scotia being especially noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,659,748, or 31.0 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

Nova Scotia reported a higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, that province showing an increase of \$401,970 or 105.2 p.c. as compared with August, 1929. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$3,239,996 or 35.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg showed improvement as compared with July, 1930, but the total was smaller than in August, 1929, while Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Walkerville and Moose Jaw registered gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-30.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in August	Value of Permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1926 average =100)
	\$	\$		
1930	13,817,745	112,762,733	130.7	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	195.7	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	168.3	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 33.2 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was \$4,089,614 or 3.8 p.c. higher than the ten year average of \$108,673,091, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials was much lower than in any other year since 1920. During August, the index of wholesale prices of building materials stood at 88.0, compared with 99.2 in August, 1929.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1930, and August, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1930	July, 1930	August, 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I.—Charlottetown	—	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	784,075	76,865	382,105
New Glasgow	653,700	67,090	341,280
x Sydney	81,450	5,850	22,875
x Brunswick	48,925	3,925	17,950
Fredericton	63,027	67,430	447,900
x Moncton	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Saint John	35,932	39,850	420,575
Quebec	27,095	26,580	27,325
x Montreal—x Maisonneuve	3,724,665	5,394,413	4,203,303
x Quebec	2,611,050	4,640,795	3,312,625
Shawinigan Falls	558,974	565,718	286,135
x Sherbrooke	15,180	21,350	251,153
x Three Rivers	113,600	71,200	50,330
x Westmount	21,950	20,180	153,960
Ontario	403,911	75,170	149,100
Belleville	5,774,514	6,305,836	9,014,510
x Brantford	18,750	14,600	51,700
Chatham	43,101	146,317	93,062
x Fort William	6,700	32,550	37,930
Galt	217,725	284,625	80,025
x Guelph	72,667	32,297	63,086
x Hamilton	29,350	61,847	33,840
x Kingston	490,750	468,850	1,327,600
x Kitchener	355,084	111,966	279,461
x London	273,799	79,440	126,835
Niagara Falls	385,620	118,330	171,915
Oshawa	30,065	17,735	166,510
x Ottawa	20,435	64,130	68,220
Owen Sound	136,140	1,070,775	121,743
x Peterborough	15,200	12,000	400,250
x Port Arthur	14,720	31,000	35,938
x Stratford	731,419	85,150	40,700
x St. Catharines	76,803	59,512	21,536
x St. Thomas	23,192	51,620	123,250
Sarnia	2,210	14,475	31,175
Sault Ste. Marie	39,916	93,425	52,496
x Toronto	258,350	21,195	199,695
York and East York Townships	1,494,796	2,319,434	4,068,975
Welland	479,080	436,578	892,128
x Windsor	9,585	12,575	21,405
East Windsor	414,286	457,722	365,645
Riverside	8,800	145,390	46,450
Sandwich	19,125	4,500	13,500
Walkerville	1,250	8,725	17,590
Woodstock	38,000	14,000	52,000
Manitoba	17,596	35,073	9,850
x Brandon	782,690	386,610	939,639
St. Boniface	7,260	7,500	61,374
x Winnipeg	5,380	29,560	2,465
Saskatchewan	770,050	349,550	875,800
x Moose Jaw	1,154,332	882,326	2,525,395
x Regina	364,440	8,250	28,141
x Saskatoon	185,052	210,451	2,170,429
Alberta	604,840	663,625	326,825
x Calgary	495,284	1,158,323	2,826,001
x Edmonton	233,039	250,038	1,849,651
Lethbridge	176,275	769,325	888,075
Medicine Hat	84,325	132,460	75,100
British Columbia	1,645	6,500	13,175
Kamloops	1,039,158	1,459,161	1,243,368
Nanaimo	5,825	33,000	16,645
x New Westminster	75	47,018	26,575
Prince Rupert	50,750	30,450	124,375
x Vancouver	11,875	20,060	4,060
North Vancouver	834,691	1,214,230	908,340
x Victoria	21,975	18,595	38,550
	113,967	95,808	124,823
Total — 61 Cities	13,817,745	15,730,964	21,582,221
x Total — 35 Cities	12,504,496	14,470,798	19,038,813

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1930,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920 - 1930.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$11,081,706; this was a decrease of \$2,736,039 or 19.8 p.c. as compared with the total of \$13,817,745 reported in August, and of \$6,035,311 or 35.3 p.c. in comparison with the aggregate of \$17,117,017 recorded in September of last year. The cumulative total for the first nine months of this year was greater by 1.7 p.c. than the average for the same period of the ten years, 1920-29, although it was exceeded by the aggregates for the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000, and nearly 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$6,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 900 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$4,000,000 and \$9,300,000, respectively.

Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1930, there being gains of 123.0 p.c. and 28.0 p.c. in those provinces, respectively. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,906,192 or 33.0 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1929, there was a gain in Alberta, whose four cities showed an increase of \$179,353 or 18.9 p.c. In the remaining provinces there were reductions, of which that of \$3,294,460 or 45.0 p.c. in Ontario was the largest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. In Toronto and Vancouver, there was an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg reported a gain over September, 1929, but a smaller total than in August, 1930. Of the other centres, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Owen Sound, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Welland, Regina, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Victoria showed increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in September	Value of Permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months. (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months. (Average 1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1930	11,081,706	123,844,439	128.8	94.1
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	193.5	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	172.2	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	96,364,181	102.3	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	108.3
1923	10,768,898	103,319,972	112.7	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,773,450	121.5	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 33.4 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was \$2,049,561, or 1.7 p.c., higher than the ten-year average of \$121,794,373, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1930, and September, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1930	August, 1930	September, 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil.	Nil.
Nova Scotia	193,262	784,075	800,382
x Halifax	186,632	653,700	771,096
New Glasgow	4,130	81,450	540
x Sydney	2,500	48,925	28,744
New Brunswick	52,330	63,027	103,575
Fredericton	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
x Moncton	15,755	35,932	20,075
x Saint John	36,575	27,095	83,500
Quebec	2,980,757	3,724,665	4,547,314
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,550,667	2,611,050	3,254,076
x Quebec	229,461	553,974	724,263
Shawinigan Falls	17,720	15,180	13,730
x Sherbrooke	75,750	113,600	107,700
x Three Rivers	4,385	21,950	47,845
x Westmount	102,274	403,911	399,700
Ontario	3,863,322	5,774,514	7,152,782
Belleville	5,175	13,750	13,640
x Brantford	53,771	43,101	44,072
Chatham	17,100	5,700	80,670
x Fort William	66,950	217,725	67,690
Galt	20,398	72,667	40,765
x Guelph	27,380	29,350	35,740
x Hamilton	364,400	490,750	571,500
x Kingston	33,123	355,084	20,355
x Kitchener	116,563	273,799	91,802
x London	116,955	385,620	407,760
Niagara Falls	37,680	30,065	82,892
Oshawa	8,125	20,435	30,580
x Ottawa	156,195	135,140	293,590
Owen Sound	30,500	15,200	10,050
x Peterborough	102,605	14,720	189,685
x Port Arthur	22,535	731,419	34,555
x Stratford	15,762	76,803	7,156
x St. Catharines	30,673	23,192	257,250
x St. Thomas	19,135	2,210	8,295
Sarnia	40,647	39,916	24,865
Sault Ste. Marie	54,125	254,350	28,912
x Toronto	1,854,398	1,494,796	3,150,426
York and East York Townships	454,972	479,080	828,078
Welland	42,050	9,585	32,395
x Windsor	103,625	414,286	570,350
East Windsor	25,423	3,300	57,250
Riverside	11,120	19,125	20,450
Sandwich	6,200	1,250	25,500
Walkerville	16,000	81,000	121,000
Woodstock	14,237	17,596	15,504
Manitoba	689,127	782,690	702,400
x Brandon	15,427	7,260	29,950
St. Boniface	5,650	5,380	133,100
x Winnipeg	668,050	770,050	539,350
Saskatchewan	839,131	1,154,332	1,378,335
x Moose Jaw	48,638	364,440	256,950
x Regina	314,788	165,052	304,375
x Saskatoon	475,705	604,840	817,010
Alberta	1,129,112	495,284	949,249
x Calgary	918,332	257,039	601,409
x Edmonton	173,450	173,275	314,730
Lethbridge	9,530	84,325	26,290
Medicine Hat	22,800	1,645	6,820
British Columbia	1,329,665	1,039,156	1,472,960
Kamloops	17,555	5,325	21,380
Nanaimo	5,325	75	7,850
x New Westminster	26,915	50,750	123,435
Prince Rupert	7,870	11,875	7,000
x Vancouver	1,142,707	834,691	1,241,500
North Vancouver	8,730	21,975	6,940
x Victoria	120,563	113,967	64,875
Total - 61 Cities	11,081,706	13,817,745	17,117,017
x Total - 35 Cities	10,198,644	12,504,496	15,480,816

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1930,
AND OCTOBER, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1930.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$12,723,789; this was an increase of \$1,162,083, or 14.8 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$11,081,706, but a decrease of \$5,349,589, or 29.6 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$18,073,378 for October, 1929. The cumulative total for the elapsed ten months of 1930 was slightly greater than the average for the same period in the ten years, 1920-1929, although it was exceeded by the aggregates for this period of the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$5,500,000, and about 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$6,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,100 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1930, that of \$2,811,641 or 94.3 p.c. in Quebec being most noteworthy. The greatest decrease in this comparison was that of \$713,595 or 63.2 p.c. in Alberta.

In the comparison with October, 1929, there were gains of 28.6 p.c. and 5.3 p.c. in New Brunswick and Quebec, respectively; the other provinces recorded declines, that of \$3,381,475, or 43.8 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Montreal showed improvement over both September, 1930, and October, 1929; in Toronto, there was an increase over the preceding month, but a reduction as compared with the same month in 1929, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver the totals were lower than in either comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and North Vancouver reported increases over September, 1930, and October, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first ten months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926 = 100)
	\$	\$		
1930	12,723,789	136,568,228	128.2	93.3
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	191.5	99.6
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	175.7	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	150.2	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	126.6	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	102.9	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	103.2	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	111.0	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	119.7	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	93.7	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	100.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 33.1 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was slightly higher than the ten-year average of \$135,719,795, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1930, and October, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 cities.

Cities	October, 1930	September, 1930	October, 1929
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil.	Nil.
Nova Scotia	93,942	193,262	116,507
x Halifax	80,342	186,632	101,857
New Glasgow	5,090	4,130	1,120
x Sydney	8,510	2,500	13,530
New Brunswick	168,663	52,330	131,192
Fredericton	nil	nil	nil
x Moncton	124,975	15,755	46,390
x Saint John	43,688	36,575	24,802
Quebec	5,792,398	2,980,757	5,500,335
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	5,238,888	2,550,667	3,987,236
x Quebec	297,815	229,461	644,374
Shawinigan Falls	10,000	17,720	200,000
x Sherbrooke	62,100	75,750	57,600
x Three Rivers	19,695	4,885	260,225
x Westmount	163,900	102,274	350,900
Ontario	4,337,213	3,868,322	7,718,684
Belleville	26,850	5,175	129,400
x Brantford	56,100	53,771	26,554
Chatham	3,800	17,100	40,615
x Fort William	14,300	66,950	65,900
Galt	9,778	20,398	180,030
x Guelph	35,681	27,880	81,145
x Hamilton	451,550	364,400	381,600
x Kingston	51,537	33,123	332,814
x Kitchener	172,242	116,563	141,716
x London	105,880	116,955	329,145
Niagara Falls	66,448	37,680	62,400
Oshawa	11,005	8,125	429,485
x Ottawa	227,520	156,195	326,925
Owen Sound	nil	30,500	10,100
x Peterborough	26,780	102,605	43,475
x Port Arthur	8,550	22,535	29,343
x Stratford	11,885	15,762	10,764
x St. Catharines	104,147	30,673	163,757
x St. Thomas	7,200	19,135	3,625
Sarnia	51,739	40,647	67,963
Sault Ste Marie	57,074	54,125	40,666
x Toronto	2,061,078	1,854,398	2,927,263
York and East York Townships	605,629	454,972	1,094,635
Welland	28,375	42,050	6,590
x Windsor	30,180	103,625	178,545
East Windsor	12,900	25,423	36,698
Riverside	11,125	11,120	11,650
Sandwich	34,200	6,200	347,500
Walkerville	33,000	16,000	175,000
Woodstock	20,660	14,237	43,231
Manitoba	463,654	689,127	668,997
x Brandon	8,554	15,427	5,682
St. Boniface	14,250	5,650	58,415
x Winnipeg	440,850	668,050	604,900
Saskatchewan	632,755	839,131	1,402,810
x Moose Jaw	400,275	48,638	133,022
x Regina	124,090	314,788	749,263
x Saskatoon	108,390	475,705	520,525
Alberta	415,517	1,129,112	1,228,442
x Calgary	256,933	918,332	529,612
x Edmonton	102,035	178,450	616,995
Lethbridge	54,554	9,530	48,295
Medicine Hat	1,995	22,800	33,540
British Columbia	819,647	1,329,665	1,306,411
Kamloops	9,345	17,555	13,040
Nanaimo	8,790	5,325	7,275
x New Westminster	28,850	26,915	54,300
Prince Rupert	7,554	7,870	2,755
x Vancouver	690,595	1,142,707	1,087,816
North Vancouver	9,210	8,730	5,490
x Victoria	65,303	120,563	135,735
Total - 61 cities	12,723,789	11,081,706	18,075,350
x Total - 35 cities	11,630,418	10,198,644	15,027,435

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1930,
AND NOVEMBER, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$11,791,478. This was a seasonal decline of \$932,311 or 7.3 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$12,723,789, and a reduction of \$4,379,922 or 27.1 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1929, figure of \$16,171,400. The total for November, 1930, was slightly greater than the average for November of the last ten years. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1930 was also rather higher than the average for the same period in the ten years, 1920-29.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$4,600,000 and about 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$7,000,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases of 122.8 p.c., 27.1 p.c. and 51.2 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October, 1930, while reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$500,505 or 79.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan being the largest proportionately.

As compared with November, 1929, New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta reported increases, that of \$1,394,600 or 56.0 p.c. in Quebec being the most noteworthy. The greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$4,724,005 or 54.4 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal recorded a decrease in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month; but an increase over November of a year ago. In Toronto and Winnipeg, there were reductions in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Saint John, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Ottawa, Owen Sound, York and East York Townships, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Kamloops reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100)
1930	\$ 11,791,478	\$ 148,349,706	132.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	196.3	99.5
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	181.0	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	154.1	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	129.2	100.2
1925	7,988,705	117,665,590	104.9	103.8
1924	10,213,903	120,129,829	107.1	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,565	112.8	111.7
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	123.6	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	99.2	123.9
1920	5,627,949	116,172,258	100.0	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 32.6 p.c. lower than in 1929, the high level of the record, but was slightly higher than the ten-year average of \$146,746,553, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1930, and November, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1930	October, 1930	November, 1929
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	88,340	93,942	487,877
xHalifax	77,060	80,342	460,380
New Glasgow	605	5,090	5,050
xSydney	10,675	8,510	22,447
New Brunswick	375,780	168,663	246,622
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
xMoncton	7,950	124,975	34,923
xSaint John	367,830	43,688	211,699
Quebec	5,275,424	5,792,398	3,380,824
xMontreal - xMaisonneuve	4,853,575	5,238,888	2,966,152
xQuebec	153,935	297,815	249,412
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	10,000	21,100
xSherbrooke	58,400	62,100	30,850
xThree Rivers	135,285	19,695	36,260
xWestmount	14,229	163,900	77,050
Ontario	3,969,298	4,337,213	8,683,303
Belleville	17,800	26,850	48,075
xBrantford	167,409	56,100	4,342
Chatham	9,375	3,800	55,550
xFort William	415,150	14,300	10,460
Galt	6,345	9,778	28,820
xGuelph	20,472	35,681	34,505
xHamilton	385,700	451,550	486,470
xKingston	18,754	51,537	41,390
xKitchener	87,226	172,242	54,552
xLondon	75,820	105,880	144,550
Niagara Falls	4,925	66,448	78,990
Oshawa	2,230	11,005	34,425
xOttawa	231,245	227,520	114,665
Owen Sound	9,400	Nil	3,000
xPeterborough	19,050	26,780	14,000
xPort Arthur	7,505	8,550	10,455
xStratford	6,925	11,885	5,875
xSt. Catharines	56,420	104,147	79,825
xSt. Thomas	3,307	7,200	1,435
Sarnia	27,642	51,739	40,620
Sault Ste. Marie	10,775	57,074	13,980
xToronto	1,466,295	2,061,078	6,512,638
York and East York Townships	739,532	605,629	576,129
Welland	13,575	28,375	1,605
xWindsor	133,825	30,180	172,530
East Windsor	630	12,900	13,215
Riverside	6,400	11,125	2,600
Sandwich	4,000	34,200	53,850
Walkerville	4,000	33,000	28,000
Woodstock	7,566	20,660	16,752
Manitota	192,825	463,654	622,984
xBrandon	100	8,554	34,304
St. Boniface	3,475	14,250	28,480
xWinnipeg	189,250	440,850	560,200
Saskatchewan	132,250	632,755	417,608
xMoose Jaw	26,640	400,275	192,055
xRegina	48,535	124,090	150,878
xSaskatoon	57,075	108,390	74,675
Alberta	528,076	415,517	400,378
xCalgary	197,971	256,933	215,803
xEdmonton	58,210	102,035	176,420
Lethbridge	267,170	54,554	6,665
Medicine Hat	4,725	1,995	1,490
British Columbia	1,239,485	819,647	1,931,804
Kamloops	25,140	9,345	13,650
Nanaimo	2,965	8,790	3,910
xNew Westminster	28,910	28,850	107,650
Prince Rupert	3,400	7,554	7,443
xVancouver	1,105,575	690,595	1,679,041
North Vancouver	6,440	9,210	24,705
xVictoria	67,055	65,303	95,405
Total - 61 cities	11,791,478	12,723,789	16,171,400
xTotal - 35 cities	10,613,363	11,630,418	15,063,296

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1930, and DECEMBER, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1930.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1930, represented construction work valued at \$15,439,964, as compared with \$11,791,478 in November, 1930, and \$14,688,682 in December, 1929. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,648,486, or 30.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$751,282 or 5.1 p.c. in comparison with the figures for the same month in 1929. In the record going back to 1920, the December, 1930, figure was only once exceeded, the total for December, 1928, having been larger.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 500 permits for dwellings valued at some \$2,600,000 and about 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$12,000,000. During November, the construction of some 900 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings was authorized: these were estimated to cost approximately \$4,600,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the authorized building, the gain of \$1,969,586, or 37.3 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. Declines of 98.6 p.c. and 70.5 p.c. were indicated in New Brunswick and Alberta, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia recorded increases over December, 1929, in value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked gain of \$4,756,671, or 191.2 p.c., while the greatest decrease was that of \$2,832,490, or 40.3 p.c., in Ontario.

Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, and also in comparison with December, 1929. In Toronto, there was a gain in the former and a loss in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg reported decreases as compared with both November, 1930, and December, 1929. Halifax, Quebec, Brantford, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, East Windsor, Walkerville, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1930.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1930 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1930 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-1930. (Average 1926=100).

	Value of Permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1920=100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (1926=100).
	\$	\$		
1930	15,439,964	163,799,670	140.0	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	200.8	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	187.2	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,615,711	157.8	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	133.6	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,145	108.2	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	108.6
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	99.8	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	152.4

The December total for the 61 cities, as already mentioned, was greater than in any other December on record, except 1928. The unrevised statistics for 1930 indicate that last year's aggregate was only three times exceeded in the years since 1920, the totals for 1929, 1928 and 1927, alone having been higher, while last year's aggregate was 4.9 p.c. greater than the ten-year average of \$156,221,419. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in November and December, 1930, and December, 1929. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X"

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1930	November, 1930	December, 1929
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ Nil.	\$ Nil.
Nova Scotia	227,202	88,340	68,930
X Halifax	217,762	77,060	63,930
New Glasgow	140	605	Nil.
X Sydney	9,300	10,675	5,000
New Brunswick	5,435	375,780	175,268
Fredericton	1/	Nil.	Nil.
X Moncton	200	7,950	31,760
X Saint John	5,235	367,830	143,508
Quebec	7,245,010	5,275,424	2,488,339
X Montreal - XMaisonneuve	6,675,354	4,853,575	1,556,954
X Quebec	501,836	153,935	180,575
Shawinigan Falls	1/	Nil.	Nil.
X Sherbrooke	54,000	58,400	16,000
X Three Rivers	8,820	135,258	279,300
X Westmount	5,000	74,229	455,510
Ontario	4,195,087	3,959,298	7,027,577
Belleville	133,920	17,800	400
X Brantford	427,115	167,409	13,124
Chatham	150,478	9,375	134,650
X Fort William	11,200	415,150	2,850
Galt	9,075	6,345	740
X Guelph	7,162	20,472	16,765
X Hamilton	190,300	385,700	151,600
X Kingston	9,900	18,754	1,590
X Kitchener	14,723	87,226	23,356
X London	30,060	75,820	38,715
Niagara Falls	39,330	4,925	26,350
Oshawa	20,475	2,230	60,300
X Ottawa	128,570	231,245	21,300
Owen Sound	20,200	9,400	150
X Peterborough	10,370	19,050	56,475
X Port Arthur	12,622	7,505	6,400
X Stratford	5,663	6,925	7,825
X St. Catharines	24,125	56,420	18,575
X St. Thomas	8,565	3,307	730
Sarnia	17,200	27,642	14,180
Sault Ste. Marie	2,075	10,775	17,927
X Toronto	2,538,096	1,466,295	6,199,952
York and East York Townships	300,582	739,532	143,173
Welland	5,300	13,575	75
X Windsor	49,250	133,825	45,850
East Windsor	4,250	630	675
Riverside	600	6,400	300
Sandwich	1,200	4,000	6,550
Walkerville	21,000	4,000	17,000
Woodstock	1,681	7,566	Nil.
Manitoba	674,450	192,825	440,071
X Brandon	1,800	100	6,268
St. Boniface	621,500	3,475	45,703
X Winnipeg	51,150	189,250	388,100
Saskatchewan	225,994	132,250	488,024
X Moose Jaw	300	26,640	4,775
X Regina	192,219	48,535	426,024
X Saskatoon	33,475	57,075	57,225
Alberta	155,781	528,076	1,865,358
X Calgary	62,904	197,971	1,836,508
X Edmonton	27,765	58,210	19,005
Lethbridge	14,712	267,170	8,720
Medicine Hat	50,400	4,725	2,125
British Columbia	2,711,005	1,239,485	2,134,115
Kamloops	11,500	25,140	15,206
Nanaimo	15,960	2,965	1,125
X New Westminster	15,525	28,910	143,750
Prince Rupert	2,700	3,400	2,500
X Vancouver	2,593,150	1,105,575	1,917,790
North Vancouver	16,933	6,440	2,500
X Victoria	53,937	67,055	50,244
Total - 61 Cities	15,439,964	11,791,478	14,688,682
X Total - 35 Cities	13,978,453	10,613,363	14,187,333

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1930, AND JANUARY, 1930.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the aggregate was slightly higher than in January, 1931. It was also greater than in January of most years since this record was instituted in 1920, being exceeded only by 1929 and 1928. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$7,510,745 as compared with \$15,440,281 in December, 1930, and \$7,217,397 in January, 1930. There was, therefore a reduction of 51 p.c. in the former, but an increase of 4.1 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 400 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,800,000 and more than 1,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$4,500,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 500 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,600,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, the gain in the first named being most noteworthy. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$5,778,568, or 79.8 p.c., in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with January, 1930, there were increases in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The most marked gain in this comparison was in British Columbia, where the value of the building authorized increased by \$1,092,074, or 109.9 p.c. Reductions were recorded in Nova Scotia and the three Prairie Provinces, that of \$816,835, or 76.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan being greatest.

In Montreal and Vancouver, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month, but increases over the corresponding month of last year. Toronto showed a decline in both comparisons, while in Winnipeg the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1930. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - New Glasgow, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Fort William, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, York and East York Townships, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge and New Westminster.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in January	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in January (1920=100)	Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in January (1926 average = 100)
	\$		
1931	7,510,745	187.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	179.7	97.3
1929	8,416,880	209.5	98.0
1928	7,716,587	192.1	95.2
1927	5,676,537	141.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	117.5	102.3
1925	5,447,270	135.6	101.9
1924	4,460,579	111.0	112.4
1923	4,139,498	103.1	109.8
1922	3,326,537	82.8	109.3
1921	2,595,564	64.6	143.0
1920	4,017,024	100.	134.5

As previously stated, the 1931 figure for January was only twice exceeded in the 12 years' record, i.e., by the aggregates for 1929 and 1928.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1931, and December and January, 1930. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1931	December, 1930	January, 1930
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	-	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	49,840	227,202	148,540
New Glasgow	44,840	217,762	148,540
x Sydney	5,000	140	Nil
New Brunswick	Nil	9,300	Nil
Fredericton	80,875	5,435	22,210
x Moncton	-	-	Nil
x Saint John	Nil	200	Nil
Quebec	80,875	5,235	22,210
x Montreal -xMaisonneuve	1,466,442	7,245,010	1,059,933
x Quebec	1,028,570	6,675,354	891,875
Shawinigan Falls	317,247	501,836	54,158
x Sherbrooke	Nil	Nil	800
x Three Rivers	93,900	54,000	72,800
x Westmount	26,725	8,820	300
Ontario	Nil	5,000	40,000
Belleville	3,289,884	4,197,903	2,954,686
x Brantford	200	133,920	Nil
Chatham	71,137	427,115	13,904
x Fort William	2,300	153,294	38,517
Galt	14,000	11,200	2,000
x Guelph	7,350	9,075	3,035
x Hamilton	36,525	7,162	8,360
x Kingston	158,200	190,300	320,650
x Kitchener	14,800	9,900	15,825
x London	72,550	14,723	18,695
Niagara Falls	522,650	30,060	44,150
Oshawa	5,305	39,330	15,180
x Ottawa	49,050	20,475	4,250
Owen Sound	40,400	128,570	44,500
x Peterborough	Nil	20,200	Nil
x Port Arthur	7,525	10,370	19,325
x Stratford	925	12,622	450
x St. Catharines	11,530	5,663	42,325
x St. Thomas	4,458	24,125	43,965
Sarnia	880	8,565	300
Sault Ste. Marie	9,525	17,200	75,385
x Toronto	1,158	2,075	1,845
York and East York Townships	1,243,036	2,538,096	1,730,887
Welland	494,558	300,582	133,100
x Windsor	14,990	5,300	170
East Windsor	7,350	49,250	217,840
Riverside	500	4,250	1,700
Sandwich	Nil	600	4,200
Walkerville	1,200	1,200	61,100
Woodstock	482,000	21,000	90,000
Manitoba	15,782	1,681	3,028
x Brandon	111,425	661,950	732,700
St. Boniface	Nil	1,800	Nil
x Winnipeg	75	609,000	2,500
Saskatchewan	111,350	51,150	730,200
x Moose Jaw	256,658	225,995	1,073,493
x Regina	4,000	300	Nil
x Saskatoon	34,083	192,220	54,143
Alberta	218,575	33,475	1,019,350
x Calgary	169,433	155,781	231,721
x Edmonton	93,428	62,904	191,636
Lethbridge	26,100	27,765	20,600
Medicine Hat	47,555	14,712	17,985
British Columbia	2,350	50,400	1,500
Kamloops	2,086,188	2,721,005	994,114
Nanaimo	6,505	11,800	540
x New Westminster	350	15,960	17,500
Prince Rupert	198,860	16,525	15,125
x Vancouver	2,940	2,700	4,600
North Vancouver	1,797,550	2,593,150	866,744
x Victoria	11,765	16,933	3,800
	68,218	63,257	83,705
Total - 61 Cities	7,510,745	15,440,281	7,217,397
x Total - 35 Cities	6,350,287	13,988,454	6,735,562

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1931, AND FEBRUARY, 1930.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$1,581,158 or 21.1 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$2,989,491 or 33.5 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$5,929,587 during February, 1931, as compared with \$7,510,745 in January, 1931, and \$8,919,078 in February, 1930. The February, 1931, total was below the average for February in the years, 1920-30, but the aggregate for the first two months of this year was higher than the January-February average in the last eleven years; it was in fact, higher than in any earlier year since 1920 except 1928, 1929 and 1930, while the wholesale costs of building materials were considerably lower than in any of the preceding eleven years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 600 permits for dwellings valued at about \$2,200,000, and nearly 1,100 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$3,500,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,000 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,800,000 and \$4,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1931; the largest gain, of \$483,950, took place in Manitoba. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,544,539 or 46.9 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1930, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered gains, that of \$345,495, or 24.9 p.c. in Saskatchewan being greatest. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,492,352 or 48.8 p.c. in Ontario was most marked.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1931, but a reduction as compared with February, 1930. In Toronto, there were declines, and in Winnipeg, there were increases in both comparisons, while Vancouver reported a reduction as compared with January, but an increase over February of last year. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of building authorized during February as compared with January, 1931, and February, 1930:- Westmount, Brantford, Fort William, Kingston, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Regina, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops and Nanaimo.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926 = 100)
	\$	\$		
1931	5,929,587	13,440,332	132.1	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	158.6	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	185.6	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	177.3	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	97.1
1926	7,139,547	11,859,083	116.6	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1931 was lower by 16.7 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1930, but was greater than the average of \$12,042,474 recorded in the years 1920-1930.

Estimated cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1931	January, 1931	January, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	113,350	49,840	324,855
x Halifax	113,150	44,840	321,405
New Glasgow	200	5,000	700
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	2,750
New Brunswick	28,525	80,875	458,495
Fredericton	-	-	415,000
x Moncton	1,400	Nil	1,050
x Saint John	27,125	80,875	28,445
Quebec	1,208,455	1,466,442	1,715,307
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,078,860	1,028,570	1,458,790
x Quebec	46,457	317,247	111,717
Shawinigan Falls	4,000	Nil	42,250
x Sherbrooke	5,150	93,900	19,900
x Three Rivers	24,350	26,725	45,450
x Westmount	49,638	Nil	37,200
Ontario	1,745,345	3,289,884	4,237,697
Bellefonte	3,400	200	8,750
x Brantford	80,697	71,137	7,770
Chatham	69,950	2,300	409,567
x Fort William	98,300	14,000	30,000
Galt	100	7,350	4,950
x Guelph	1,033	36,525	7,740
x Hamilton	322,400	158,200	516,200
x Kingston	75,945	14,800	32,050
x Kitchener	11,173	72,550	12,675
x London	43,270	522,650	31,815
Niagara Falls	8,950	5,305	20,850
Oshawa	1,850	49,050	5,875
x Ottawa	38,600	40,400	97,430
Owen Sound	6,000	Nil	Nil
x Peterborough	9,000	7,525	1,000
x Port Arthur	9,989	925	10,055
x Stratford	24,650	11,530	36,200
x St. Catharines	9,755	4,458	14,865
x St. Thomas	2,800	880	835
Sarnia	19,089	9,525	16,490
Sault Ste. Marie	2,335	1,158	1,675
x Toronto	698,185	1,243,036	2,632,228
York & East York Township	174,581	494,558	166,509
Welland	2,200	14,990	20,685
x Windsor	16,246	7,350	66,690
East Windsor	Nil	500	14,750
Riverside	600	Nil	35,000
Sandwich	1,600	1,200	12,900
Walkerville	12,000	482,000	18,000
Woodstock	647	15,782	4,143
Manitoba	600,375	111,425	403,270
x Brandon	Nil	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	375	75	6,570
x Winnipeg	600,000	111,350	396,700
Saskatchewan	285,504	256,658	137,057
x Moose Jaw	1,655	4,000	625
x Regina	268,359	34,083	88,507
x Saskatoon	15,490	218,575	47,925
Alberta	217,128	169,433	256,987
x Calgary	153,347	93,428	205,148
x Edmonton	46,650	26,100	39,490
Lethbridge	11,176	47,555	7,084
Medicine Hat	5,955	2,350	5,265
British Columbia	1,730,905	2,086,188	1,385,410
Kamloops	15,335	6,505	14,050
Nanaimo	5,675	350	3,420
x New Westminster	25,200	198,860	44,755
Prince Rupert	14,860	2,940	26,730
Vancouver	1,622,335	1,797,550	1,021,544
North Vancouver	7,715	11,765	16,835
x Victoria	39,785	68,218	193,070
Total - 61 Cities	5,929,587	7,510,745	8,919,078
x Total - 35 Cities	5,560,994	6,350,287	7,300,024

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**BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1931,
AND MARCH, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1931.**

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$9,906,567; this was an increase of \$3,976,980 or 67.1 p.c., over the February total of \$5,929,587, but a decrease of \$3,450,220 or 25.8 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$13,356,787 reported for the same month in 1930. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, showed a decided decrease as compared with the same period in 1930 and earlier years on record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 800 permits for dwellings valued at about \$3,600,000 and some 1,600 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,600,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and nearly 1,100 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,200,000 and \$3,500,000, respectively.

All provinces except Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$2,164,467 in Quebec and \$1,063,895 in Alberta.

As compared with March, 1930, Quebec and Manitoba recorded advances of 28.1 p.c. and 8.6 p.c., respectively. There were decreases in the other provinces, the greatest decline, of \$2,126,870, or 40.6 p.c., taking place in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a gain as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with March of last year. Toronto showed an increase in the first, but a decline in the second comparison; in Winnipeg, there was a decrease as compared with February, 1931, but an increase over March, 1930, while Vancouver recorded reductions in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Galt, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops and New Westminster reported higher totals than in either February, 1931, or March, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March, and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1931	\$ 9,906,567	\$ 23,346,899	123.5	83.8
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	156.0	96.6
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	226.8	100.1
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	175.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	132.4	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	95.4	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	103.0	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	135.7
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	139.4

The aggregate value of building permits issued in the first quarter of 1931 was less than in the same period of the years, 1927-1930, but was higher than in the months January-March in any preceding year since 1920, while wholesale prices of building materials were considerably lower than in the same quarter in any of the last eleven years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in February and March, 1931, and March, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	March, 1931	February, 1931	March, 1930
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	222,735	113,350	349,527
x Halifax	220,485	113,150	347,102
New Glasgow	1,700	200	1,035
x Sydney	550	Nil	1,390
New Brunswick	29,730	28,525	227,365
Fredericton	8,600	Nil	6,000
x Moncton	2,800	1,400	77,215
x Saint John	18,330	27,125	144,150
Quebec	3,372,922	1,208,455	2,633,361
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,973,948	1,078,860	1,666,770
x Quebec	241,924	46,457	332,441
Shawinigan Falls	1/	4,000	234,900
x Sherbrooke	24,000	5,150	16,800
x Three Rivers	15,800	24,350	112,050
x Westmount	117,250	49,638	270,400
Ontario	3,113,805	1,745,345	5,240,675
Belleville	4	3,400	27,400
x Brantford	62,043	80,697	20,869
Chatham	15,000	69,950	35,667
x Fort William	10,900	98,300	32,000
Galt	16,525	100	10,613
x Guelph	20,605	1,033	22,962
x Hamilton	783,950	322,400	1,025,600
x Kingston	12,157	75,945	26,300
x Kitchener	39,122	11,173	75,419
x London	150,835	43,270	79,075
Niagara Falls	6,380	8,950	46,745
Oshawa	20,500	1,850	7,950
x Ottawa	325,240	38,600	163,260
Owen Sound	7,500	6,000	1,700
x Peterborough	145	9,000	29,865
x Port Arthur	6,268	9,989	7,785
x Stratford	7,803	24,650	9,710
x St. Catharines	158,085	9,755	77,935
x St. Thomas	6,140	2,800	6,380
Sarnia	16,150	19,089	56,000
Sault Ste. Marie	56,631	2,335	15,695
x Toronto	869,425	698,185	2,451,868
York & East York Townships	460,580	174,581	649,930
Welland	14,195	2,200	2,875
x Windsor	29,455	16,246	198,170
East Windsor	2,550	Nil	97,925
Riverside	3,150	600	20,100
Sandwich	450	1,600	10,950
Walkerville	8,000	12,000	16,000
Woodstock	4,017	647	13,927
Manitoba	311,275	600,375	286,575
x Brandon	75	Nil	139,150
St. Boniface	4,550	375	6,875
x Winnipeg	306,650	600,000	140,550
Saskatchewan	364,475	285,504	638,465
x Moose Jaw	5,575	1,655	111,490
x Regina	244,450	268,359	446,530
x Saskatoon	114,450	15,490	80,445
Alberta	1,281,023	217,128	1,427,629
x Calgary	208,090	153,347	321,539
x Edmonton	55,125	46,650	1,060,575
Lethbridge	1,009,600	11,176	40,050
Medicine Hat	8,208	5,955	5,465
British Columbia	1,210,602	1,730,905	2,553,190
Kamloops	39,800	15,335	13,595
Nanaimo	170	5,675	175
x New Westminster	45,975	25,200	39,225
Prince Rupert	9,518	14,860	9,100
x Vancouver	1,001,135	1,622,335	1,785,435
North Vancouver	9,935	7,715	11,790
x Victoria	104,069	39,785	693,870
Total - 61 Cities	9,906,567	5,929,587	13,356,787
xTotal- 35 Cities	8,182,854	5,560,994	12,014,325

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1931, AND
APRIL, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$13,786,466 during April, as compared with \$9,906,567 in the preceding month and \$16,978,076 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,879,899 or 39.2 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$3,191,610, or 18.8 p.c., as compared with April, 1930. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past eleven years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$5,000,000 and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$7,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of over 800 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$3,600,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1931, the greatest gain of \$1,335,605 taking place in Nova Scotia.

As compared with April, 1930, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized; Quebec indicated the most pronounced gain of \$1,460,784, or 59 p.c. Among the remaining provinces, the greatest decline, of \$3,254,115 or 45.5 p.c., was in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1930, while in Toronto there was an increase in the former, but a decline in the latter comparison. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon and Prince Rupert reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1931, and April, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

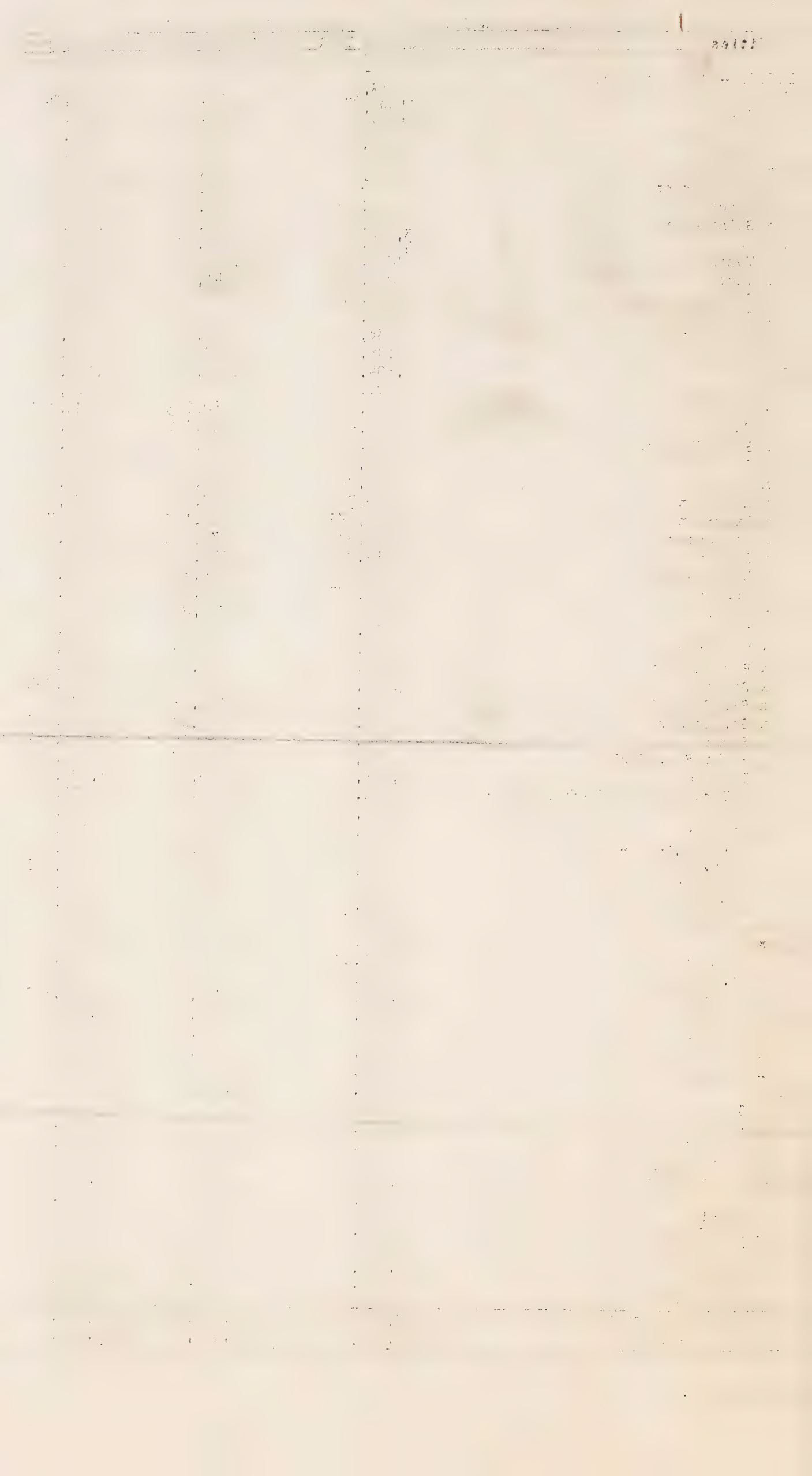
Year	Value of Permits Issued in April	Value of Permits Issued in First Four Months	Indexes of value of Permits issued in First Four Months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Four Months (1926 average = 100).
1931	\$ 13,786,466	\$ 37,133,365	107.4	83.8
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	134.5	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	210.1	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	149.8	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	122.5	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,538,013	120.2	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	102.6	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	91.8	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	112.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	99.9	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	78.3	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	100.	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was smaller than the average for the months, January-April, in the years since 1920, although it was higher than the total recorded in 1925, 1924, 1922, 1921 or 1920. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was decidedly lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1931, and April, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1931	March 1931	April, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	47,500
Nova Scotia	1,558,340	222,735	654,340
x Halifax	1,496,420	220,485	616,420
New Glasgow	57,450	1,700	30,700
x Sydney	41,470	550	7,220
New Brunswick	121,460	29,730	1,314,629
Fredericton	-	8,600	4,000
x Moncton	78,015	2,800	27,540
x Saint John	43,445	18,330	1,283,089
Quebec	3,937,562	3,372,922	2,476,778
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	3,226,562	2,973,948	1,403,765
x Quebec	222,965	241,924	529,385
Shawinigan Falls	5,410	-	21,200
x Sherbrooke	300,700	24,000	63,400
x Three Rivers	36,295	15,800	438,695
x Westmount	145,630	117,250	20,333
Ontario	3,894,267	3,113,805	7,148,382
Belleville	21,700	4	15,340
x Brantford	41,478	62,043	32,887
Chatham	4,440	15,000	26,537
x Fort William	53,400	10,900	49,200
Galt	22,397	16,525	34,785
x Guelph	33,243	20,605	54,778
x Hamilton	389,300	783,950	675,900
x Kingston	54,485	12,157	78,713
x Kitchener	58,970	39,122	251,566
x London	214,220	150,835	436,320
Niagara Falls	34,260	6,380	65,320
Oshawa	6,475	20,500	17,835
x Ottawa	466,645	325,240	279,095
Owen Sound	15,000	7,500	12,700
x Peterborough	37,872	145	36,945
x Port Arthur	41,180	6,268	38,410
x Stratford	17,798	7,803	68,891
x St. Catharines	77,100	158,085	76,665
x St. Thomas	13,620	6,140	24,960
Sarnia	10,922	16,150	60,861
Sault Ste. Marie	29,245	56,631	56,812
x Toronto	1,668,090	869,425	3,421,083
York and East York Townships	471,855	460,580	871,048
Welland	19,620	14,195	16,135
x Windsor	44,190	29,455	174,975
East Windsor	990	2,550	77,450
Riverside	2,950	3,150	22,350
Sandwich	1,600	450	9,975
Walkerville	18,000	8,000	141,000
Woodstock	23,222	4,017	19,846
Manitoba	1,084,899	311,275	862,325
x Brandon	21,104	75	9,810
St. Boniface	14,445	4,550	16,365
x Winnipeg	1,049,350	306,650	836,150
Saskatchewan	785,070	364,475	1,232,572
x Moose Jaw	33,455	5,575	47,610
x Regina	110,995	244,450	445,257
x Saskatoon	640,620	114,450	739,705
Alberta	470,613	1,281,023	1,865,175
x Calgary	276,333	208,090	847,888
x Edmonton	173,085	55,125	922,480
Lethbridge	19,220	1,009,600	92,312
Medicine Hat	1,975	8,208	2,495
British Columbia	1,934,255	1,210,602	1,376,375
Kamloops	14,255	39,800	30,835
Nanaimo	1,945	170	11,225
x New Westminster	52,950	45,975	99,470
Prince Rupert	24,755	9,518	3,250
x Vancouver	1,730,635	1,001,135	1,114,450
North Vancouver	12,080	9,935	19,315
x Victoria	97,635	104,069	97,830
Total - 61 Cities	13,786,466	9,906,567	16,978,076
x Total - 35 Cities	12,952,255	8,182,854	15,250,885



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1931,
AND MAY, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1931, was lower by 13.9 p.c. than in April, 1931, and lower by 41.6 p.c. than in May, 1930. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$11,868,171 as compared with \$13,786,466 in the preceding month and \$20,321,160 in May, 1930. The total for the first five months of 1931, namely, \$49,001,536, was lower than that for the corresponding period of any of the years since 1921. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1931 than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$5,800,000 and for some 3,100 other buildings estimated to cost over \$5,300,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 1,000 dwellings and 2,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario reported increases of 69.7 p.c., 12.8 p.c. and 21.6 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1931. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,332,810 or 85.5 p.c. in Nova Scotia was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1930, New Brunswick and Quebec alone registered increases. All the other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$5,518,988 or 53.8 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported a higher total of building permits issued both in April, 1931, and in May, 1930, while in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fredericton, Saint John, Belleville, Hamilton, York and East York Townships, St. Boniface and North Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average = 100)
1931	\$11,868,171	\$49,001,536	102.9	83.7
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	140.2	92.8
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	200.6	99.1
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	166.4	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	131.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	126.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	107.0	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	97.7	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	121.6	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	113.4	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	87.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	100.0	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was 50.6 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1931, and May, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1931	April, 1931	May, 1930
P. E. I. Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ 10,500
Nova Scotia	225,530	1,558,340	387,690
X Halifax	192,150	1,496,420	331,682
New Glasgow	7,005	57,450	9,950
X Sydney	26,375	4,470	46,058
New Brunswick	206,055	121,460	128,780
Fredericton	17,960	Nil	Nil
X Moncton	70,590	78,015	87,225
X Saint John	117,505	43,445	41,555
Quebec	4,440,863	3,937,562	5,091,909
X Montreal - X Maisonneuve	3,639,504	3,226,562	3,527,543
X Quebec	590,054	222,965	1,071,006
Shawinigan Falls	1/	5,410	99,640
X Sherbrooke	46,100	300,700	97,300
X Three Rivers	32,505	36,295	35,920
X Westmount	132,700	145,630	260,500
Ontario	4,734,714	3,894,267	10,253,702
Belleville	127,925	21,700	29,975
X Brantford	35,154	41,478	28,667
Chatham	11,300	4,440	14,917
Fort William	36,450	53,400	43,650
X Galt	20,045	22,397	33,425
X Guelph	24,185	33,243	65,418
X Hamilton	489,000	389,300	334,650
X Kingston	71,851	54,485	271,886
X Kitchener	73,980	58,970	112,073
X London	193,915	214,220	1,125,730
Niagara Falls	21,740	34,260	108,260
Oshawa	8,865	6,475	16,710
X Ottawa	647,255	466,645	3,505,065
Owen Sound	14,025	15,000	10,150
X Peterborough	37,175	37,872	22,130
X Port Arthur	31,685	41,180	28,321
X Stratford	10,593	17,798	52,203
X St. Catharines	18,542	77,100	48,440
X St. Thomas	625	13,620	20,260
Sarnia	15,675	10,922	64,580
Sault Ste. Marie	47,275	29,245	61,498
X Toronto	1,472,862	1,668,090	3,199,242
York and East York Townships	1,184,565	471,855	806,050
Welland	34,015	19,620	28,660
Windsor	58,620	44,190	143,772
East Windsor	5,000	990	8,170
Riverside	5,075	2,950	12,800
Sandwich	7,625	1,600	14,485
Walkerville	3,000	18,000	8,000
Woodstock	26,692	23,222	34,515
Manitoba	578,139	1,084,899	1,083,520
X Brandon	7,879	21,104	5,100
St. Boniface	19,260	14,445	18,220
X Winnipeg	551,000	1,049,350	1,060,200
Saskatchewan	266,385	785,070	1,148,134
X Moose Jaw	4,280	33,455	23,960
X Regina	54,555	110,995	409,969
X Saskatoon	207,550	640,620	714,205
Alberta	433,652	470,613	868,795
X Calgary	213,355	276,333	290,055
X Edmonton	190,830	173,085	503,210
Lethbridge	25,765	19,220	68,195
Medicine Hat	3,702	1,975	7,335
British Columbia	982,833	1,934,255	1,348,130
Kamloops	18,964	14,255	39,835
Nanaimo	3,285	1,945	3,600
X New Westminster	54,250	52,950	65,715
Prince Rupert	23,250	24,755	15,290
X Vancouver	826,910	1,730,635	1,153,585
North Vancouver	17,784	12,080	7,000
X Victoria	38,390	97,635	63,105
Total - 61 Cities	11,868,171	13,786,466	20,321,160
X Total - 35 Cities	10,181,969	12,952,255	18,789,400

1/ Report not received.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1931,
AND JUNE, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1931.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$8,470,738; this was a decrease of \$3,397,433, or 28.6 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$11,868,171, while in comparison with June, 1930, there was also a decline of \$10,150,749, or 54.5 p.c., the value for that month having been \$18,621,487. The aggregate for the first six months of 1931, viz., \$57,472,274, was lower than in 1930 and also than in most years of the record; in this connection it is important to note the considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index having fallen from 144.5 in January-June, 1920, to 83.6 during the first half of the present year. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued more than 2,000 permits for dwellings valued at over \$4,500,000 and some 2,600 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,000,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 1,200 dwellings and some 3,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,800,000 and \$5,300,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1931, was recorded in Manitoba, where there was an increase of 5.8 p.c. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$2,007,749, or 45.2 p.c., in Quebec was largest.

As compared with June, 1930, there were decreases in all provinces, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$6,817,132 or 63.6 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with the preceding month, but a decline as compared with the corresponding month in 1930. Montreal showed a reduction in the former and an increase in the latter comparison, while Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, New Glasgow, Kingston and Brandon indicated improvement over May, 1931, and June, 1930.

Table 1. gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1931, and June, 1930; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

Year	Value of Permits Issued in June	Value of Permits Issued in First Six Months	Indexes of Value of Permits issued, First Six Months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building Materials in First Six Months (1926 average = 100).
	\$	\$		
1931	8,470,738	57,472,274	93.1	83.6
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	138.3	98.6
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	201.8	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	165.2	97.0
1927	18,353,239	80,842,719	130.9	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	127.5	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,399,717	106.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,574,154	98.2	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	118.3	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	115.4	108.0
1921	24,240,934	55,771,684	90.3	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	100.0	144.5

The aggregate for the first half of 1931 was lower by \$27,941,711, or 32.7 p.c., than in 1930, and was also lower by \$20,717,982, or 26.5 p.c., than the average of \$78,190,256 recorded in the eleven years, 1920-1930. As has already been pointed out, however, the wholesale costs of building materials are decidedly lower than in any previous year since 1920.

Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued.

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 61 cities during the first six months of each year since 1922; it also shows the totals for the same years, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

Nova Scotia and Quebec reported increases of 7.5 p.c. and 6.6 p.c., respectively, as compared with the first six months of last year. In the former province, the total for the first half of 1931 was, in fact, higher than in the January-June period of any other year on record except 1929 and 1920; the latter, not shown in the table, stood at \$2,338,612. The other provinces showed smaller totals of building permits issued than in the corresponding six months of last year. Ontario reported the greatest falling-off, of \$19,874,259, or 49.0 p.c., in the building authorizations.

During the first six months of this year, the 31 cities furnishing returns in Ontario reported 36.0 p.c. of the total value of the building authorized, as compared with 46.3 in the same months of 1930. In Quebec, on the other hand, the proportion increased from 19.0 p.c. last year to 29.3 p.c. in the elapsed months of 1931, and in British Columbia, from 10.8 p.c. to 14.9 p.c.

Totals of Permits Issued by Four Leading Cities.

Table 3 shows the aggregate value of the permits issued in the four largest cities in the first half of each year since 1922, together with the proportion that their totals are of the yearly and half-yearly totals for the 61 cities. The building authorized by these centres in the first six months of 1931 was valued at \$32,222,432; this was 24.3 p.c. lower than in the same months of last year. The decrease in these four cities as compared with 1930 was less than the general decline in the 61 cities, and the ratio to the total for the 61 cities was higher than in the preceding year.

In Montreal, the total for the first six months of 1931 was 28.3 p.c. higher than in the same period of the preceding year; Vancouver also recorded higher authorizations, there being an increase of 6.3 p.c. in that city. The totals for Toronto and Winnipeg, however, were lower than in 1930.

Contracts Awarded.

According to the MacLean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1931, was \$162,937,600, as compared with \$240,626,000 in 1930; \$278,121,700 in 1929; \$256,257,300 in 1928 and \$191,323,800 in 1927. Of the total contracts awarded this year, \$42,173,100 was classed as residential building, \$46,014,900 as business, \$9,130,300 as industrial, and \$65,619,300 as engineering. In 1930, the total was divided as follows:- residential, \$48,586,100; business, \$82,722,900; industrial, \$18,451,500 and engineering, \$90,865,500.

Table 1.- Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1931	May, 1931	June, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	89,740	225,530	235,064
New Glasgow	74,755	192,150	140,610
x Sydney	13,075	7,005	1,600
Fredericton	1,910	26,375	93,354
New Brunswick	135,860	206,055	150,470
x Moncton	33,795	17,950	55,300
x Saint John	35,700	70,500	26,455
Quebec	66,365	117,505	69,335
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,433,114	4,440,853	2,804,854
x Quebec	2,078,663	3,639,504	1,985,518
Shawinigan Falls	284,791	590,054	505,811
x Sherbrooke	3,800	-	5,500
x Three Rivers	14,700	46,100	117,500
x Westmount	3,900	32,505	8,500
Ontario	47,260	132,700	222,025
Belleville	3,105	127,925	13,800
x Brantford	20,945	35,154	38,047
Chatham	16,550	11,300	32,952
x Fort William	56,850	36,450	60,500
Galt	27,373	20,045	27,531
x Guelph	10,065	24,185	29,701
x Hamilton	326,600	489,000	1,066,550
x Kingston	143,435	71,851	51,348
x Kitchener	120,987	73,980	129,811
x London	110,505	193,915	194,980
Niagara Falls	14,640	21,740	31,140
Oshawa	13,070	8,865	16,450
x Ottawa	504,905	647,255	255,400
Owen Sound	3,500	14,025	20,150
x Peterborough	72,700	37,175	484,105
x Port Arthur	35,205	31,685	42,685
x Stratford	16,702	10,593	28,531
x St. Catharines	54,792	18,542	58,620
x St. Thomas	61,090	625	72,300
Sarnia	4,765	15,675	90,014
Sault Ste. Marie	13,209	47,275	42,654
x Toronto	1,557,697	1,472,862	6,951,184
York and East York Townships	599,351	1,184,560	598,188
Welland	13,745	34,015	16,140
x Windsor	63,465	58,620	259,735
East Windsor	1,750	5,000	26,445
Riverside	2,060	5,075	6,600
Sandwich	2,025	7,625	18,040
Walkerville	20,000	3,000	24,000
Woodstock	16,976	26,692	21,045
Manitoba	605,885	578,139	1,035,430
x Brandon	38,775	7,879	1,600
St. Boniface	7,560	19,260	62,780
x Winnipeg	559,550	551,000	1,021,050
Saskatchewan	257,955	266,385	1,247,777
x Moose Jaw	3,620	4,280	26,070
x Regina	145,815	54,555	452,002
x Saskatoon	108,520	207,550	762,700
Alberta	396,761	433,652	928,474
x Calgary	183,731	213,355	270,180
x Edmonton	187,435	190,830	442,500
Lethbridge	19,130	25,765	196,400
Medicine Hat	6,365	3,702	10,500
British Columbia	643,271	932,833	1,402,174
Kamloops	4,430	13,654	2,005
Nanaimo	2,000	7,285	1,000
x New Westminster	41,610	50,250	106,700
Prince Rupert	9,610	25,250	30,260
x Vancouver	530,555	826,910	1,062,500
North Vancouver	9,430	17,784	9,450
x Victoria	45,626	38,390	185,000
Total - 61 cities	8,470,738	11,852,173	13,621,407
x Total - 35 cities	7,609,424	10,198,374	17,242,100

Table 2. - Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities during First Half-Year, 1922-1931.

Province	No. of Cities	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
Prince Edward Isd.	1	\$ Nil	\$ 58,000	\$ 20,000	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ 17,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 16,700	\$ 27,500	\$ 49,500
Nova Scotia	3	2,259,535	2,101,016	3,210,636	1,297,200	1,009,780	294,397	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,504
New Brunswick	3	602,505	2,301,949	887,064	762,468	1,046,970	551,353	755,090	304,289	446,666	1,107,456
Quebec	6	16,859,358	15,822,142	32,830,715	22,838,301	18,995,355	19,575,823	16,647,887	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,046
Ontario	31	20,686,167	40,560,426	46,111,907	46,203,940	35,441,040	31,334,947	31,808,126	29,028,415	42,761,546	41,856,395
Manitoba	3	3,291,998	4,453,820	7,112,772	6,890,235	5,037,703	8,491,110	3,140,730	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,438,403
Saskatchewan	3	2,216,047	5,477,498	9,459,676	5,093,105	4,202,147	2,884,162	1,506,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,437,505
Alberta	4	2,968,610	5,578,741	8,620,364	6,338,136	3,297,769	2,429,373	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495
British Columbia	7	8,588,054	9,060,393	16,356,133	12,613,602	11,811,955	13,182,254	9,669,617	7,610,764	4,799,270	5,449,206
Canada 6 months	61	57,472,274	85,413,985	124,609,267	102,036,987	80,842,719	78,760,419	65,899,717	60,674,154	73,047,496	71,261,674
Canada 12 months	-	-	166,379,325	234,944,549	219,105,715	184,613,742	156,386,607	125,029,367	126,583,148	133,521,621	148,215,407
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year	-	-	51.3 p.c.	53.0 p.c.	46.6 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	50.4 p.c.	52.7 p.c.	47.9 p.c.	54.7 p.c.	48.1 p.c.
1/ Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, 6 months	-	83.6	98.6	99.6	97.0	96.6	101.0	103.1	110.8	111.4	108.0
2/ Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year).	-	203.2	197.5	185.6	179.3	172.1	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average 1926=100.

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour, Average 1913=100.

Table 3.- Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1922-1931.

City	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
Montreal	14,026,107	10,934,261	27,299,816	15,356,336	11,689,052	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774
Toronto	7,509,295	20,396,492	19,944,176	20,334,098	13,038,265	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725
Winnipeg	3,177,900	4,184,850	6,727,250	6,153,000	4,579,300	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700
Vancouver	7,509,130	7,064,256	12,204,010	7,105,285	6,023,951	7,756,825	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431
Total, 4 largest cities	32,222,432	42,579,861	66,175,252	48,948,719	35,330,568	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630
Total, 4 largest cities	-	-	90,934,135	126,387,555	111,279,782	94,732,185	83,613,495	63,438,784	64,348,121	68,496,764
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year	-	46.8 p.c.	52.4 p.c.	44.0 p.c.	37.3 p.c.	48.4 p.c.	50.1 p.c.	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months, to 6 months' total for 61 cities -	56.1 p.c.	49.9 p.c.	53.3 p.c.	48.0 p.c.	43.4 p.c.	51.4 p.c.	48.2 p.c.	46.4 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	46.4 p.c.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1931, AND JULY, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The value of the building authorized during July showed an increase of \$2,408,767, or 28.4 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, but there was a decline of \$4,945,276, or 31.3 p.c., as compared with July, 1930. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1931, was \$10,879,505, as against \$8,470,738 in June, 1931, and \$15,824,781 in July, 1930. The total for the first seven months of 1931, viz., \$68,351,779, was lower than in 1930 and also than in most years of the record, but in using these figures, it should be noted that there has also been a very considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (average 1926=100) having fallen from 144.3 in the first seven months of 1920 to 83.6 in the period January-July, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$4,300,000, and some 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$6,300,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 2,000 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$4,500,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1931, were reported in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, the largest gain being that of \$971,018, or 24.8 p.c., in Ontario. Of the reductions in the other provinces, that of \$258,485, or 42.7 p.c., in Manitoba was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1930, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick registered improvement, there being gains of 289.2 and 35.9 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Elsewhere declines were indicated, that of \$1,429,483, or 22.7 p.c., in Ontario being largest.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported an increase over June, 1931, and July, 1930; in Montreal and Vancouver there were gains in the former, but losses in the latter comparison, while in Winnipeg the July, 1931, total was less than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Welland, Riverside, New Westminster and Prince Rupert showed gains as compared with both June, 1931, and July, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months (1920 = 100).	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months (1926 average = 100).
	\$	\$		
1931	10,879,505	68,351,779	90.5	83.6
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	134.1	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	194.7	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	169.3	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	96.7
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	129.1	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less by 32.5 p.c. than in 1930, and was also below the average recorded in the eleven years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1931	June, 1931	July, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I.	-	Nil	81,000
Nova Scotia	299,123	89,740	76,865
x Halifax	276,895	74,755	67,090
New Glasgow	13,995	13,075	5,850
x Sydney	8,233	1,910	3,925
New Brunswick	91,635	135,860	67,430
Fredericton	2,475	33,795	1,000
x Moncton	69,830	35,700	39,850
x Saint John	19,330	66,365	26,580
Quebec	3,982,387	2,433,114	5,394,413
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,652,045	2,078,663	4,640,795
x Quebec	205,687	284,791	565,718
Shawinigan Falls	600	3,800	21,350
x Sherbrooke	18,000	14,700	71,200
x Three Rivers	6,350	3,900	20,180
x Westmount	99,705	47,260	75,170
Ontario	4,879,170	3,908,152	6,308,653
Belleville	21,735	3,105	14,600
x Brantford	18,384	20,945	146,317
Chatham	5,500	16,550	35,367
x Fort William	38,450	56,850	284,625
Galt	15,505	27,373	32,297
x Guelph	15,686	10,065	61,847
x Hamilton	878,700	326,600	468,850
x Kingston	49,817	143,435	111,966
x Kitchener	41,599	120,987	79,440
x London	109,920	110,505	118,330
Niagara Falls	5,815	14,640	17,735
Oshawa	1,860	13,070	64,130
x Ottawa	440,505	504,905	1,070,775
Owen Sound	15,000	3,500	12,000
x Peterborough	19,536	72,790	31,000
x Port Arthur	24,255	35,205	85,150
x Stratford	10,515	16,702	59,512
x St. Catharines	28,117	54,792	51,620
x St. Thomas	12,140	61,090	14,475
Sarnia	20,390	4,765	93,425
Sault Ste. Marie	18,638	13,209	21,195
x Toronto	2,445,215	1,557,697	2,319,434
York and East York Townships	560,675	599,351	436,578
Welland	28,420	13,745	12,575
x Windsor	29,135	63,465	457,722
East Windsor	1,350	1,750	145,390
Riverside	10,400	2,060	4,500
Sandwich	1,400	2,025	8,725
Walkerville	1,000	20,000	14,000
Woodstock	9,508	16,976	35,073
Manitoba	347,400	605,885	386,610
x Brandon	4,200	38,775	7,500
St. Boniface	17,050	7,560	29,560
x Winnipeg	326,150	559,550	349,550
Saskatchewan	166,910	257,955	882,326
x Moose Jaw	485	3,620	8,250
x Regina	66,985	145,815	210,451
x Saskatoon	99,440	108,520	663,625
Alberta	295,053	396,761	1,158,323
x Calgary	158,811	183,781	250,038
x Edmonton	115,965	187,485	769,325
Lethbridge	19,442	19,130	132,460
Medicine Hat	835	6,365	6,500
British Columbia	817,827	643,271	1,469,161
Kamloops	8,215	4,430	33,000
Nanaimo	950	2,000	47,018
x New Westminster	56,000	41,610	30,450
Prince Rupert	39,455	9,610	20,060
x Vancouver	660,910	530,565	1,214,230
North Vancouver	6,740	9,430	18,595
x Victoria	45,557	45,626	105,808
Total - 61 cities	10,879,505	8,470,738	15,824,781
x Total - 35 cities	10,052,552	7,609,424	14,480,798

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1931,
AND AUGUST, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1931.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1931, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable reduction; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$8,224,074, as compared with \$10,879,505 in July, 1931, and \$14,029,564 in August, 1930. There was, therefore, a decrease of 24.4 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 41.4 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$76,575,853, was lower than in 1930, and also than in most years of the record. In considering these data, however, it should be noted that there has also been a very significant decline in wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index, based on the 1926 average as 100, having fallen from 156.3 in the first eight months of 1920, to 83.4 in the period, January-August, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 1,000 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$3,900,000, and over 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at more than \$3,900,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 1,000 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, estimated at about \$4,300,000 and \$6,300,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported gains as compared with July, 1931, that of \$285,851, or 97.9 p.c. in Alberta being most noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,441,749 or 36.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

New Brunswick and Alberta reported a higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, there being increases of 170.8 p.c. and 17.3 p.c., respectively, in those provinces, as compared with August, 1930. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,302,624 or 39.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Toronto showed improvement as compared with August, 1930, but the total was smaller than in July, 1931, while Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Oshawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Nanaimo registered gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-31.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in August	Value of Permits Issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months, (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 average=100)
1931	\$ 8,224,074	\$ 76,575,853	88.7	83.4
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	133.6	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	195.7	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	168.3	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 33.6 p.c. lower than in 1930, and was also lower than the average of \$109,272,658 recorded in the eleven years, 1920-1930, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was much lower than in any other year of this record. During August, the index of wholesale prices of building materials stood at 82.1, compared with 87.8 in August, 1930.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1931, and August 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August 1931	July 1931	August 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	Nil.
Nova Scotia	326,365	299,123	784,075
x Halifax	274,865	276,895	653,700
New Glasgow	350	13,995	81,450
x Sydney	51,150	8,233	48,925
New Brunswick	170,670	91,635	63,027
Fredericton	43,950	2,475	Nil.
x Moncton	32,335	69,830	35,932
x Saint John	94,385	19,330	27,095
Quebec	2,540,638	3,982,387	3,724,665
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,092,943	3,652,045	2,611,050
x Quebec	251,960	205,687	558,974
Shawinigan Falls	8,760	600	15,180
x Sherbrooke	85,400	18,000	113,600
x Three Rivers	28,025	6,350	21,950
x Westmount	73,550	99,705	403,911
Ontario	3,473,709	4,879,170	5,776,333
Belleville	9,600	21,735	18,750
x Brantford	6,912	18,384	42,101
Chatham	8,500	5,500	9,517
x Fort William	10,250	38,450	217,725
Galt	19,070	15,505	72,669
x Guelph	19,458	15,686	29,350
x Hamilton	253,500	878,700	490,750
x Kingston	28,810	49,817	355,084
x Kitchener	56,935	41,599	273,799
x London	236,950	109,920	385,620
Niagara Falls	6,487	5,815	30,065
Oshawa	20,505	1,860	20,435
x Ottawa	165,655	440,505	136,140
Owen Sound	5,000	15,000	15,200
x Peterborough	20,338	19,536	14,720
x Port Arthur	17,761	24,255	731,419
x Stratford	6,649	10,515	76,803
x St. Catharines	32,440	28,117	23,192
x St. Thomas	1,790	12,140	2,210
Sarnia	11,503	20,390	39,916
Sault Ste. Marie	201,345	18,638	258,350
x Toronto	1,834,752	2,445,215	1,494,796
York and East York Townships	460,777	560,675	479,080
Welland	12,990	28,420	9,585
x Windsor	11,235	29,135	414,286
East Windsor	2,100	1,350	8,800
Riverside	3,280	10,400	19,125
Sandwich	3,150	1,400	1,250
Walkerville	Nil.	1,000	88,000
Woodstock	5,967	9,508	17,596
Manitoba	253,582	347,400	782,690
x Brandon	3,752	4,200	7,260
St. Boniface	21,680	17,050	5,380
x Winnipeg	228,150	326,150	770,050
Saskatchewan	177,780	166,910	1,354,332
x Moose Jaw	2,610	485	364,440
x Regina	64,095	66,985	185,052
x Saskatoon	111,075	99,440	804,340
Alberta	580,904	295,053	495,284
x Calgary	203,154	158,811	233,039
x Edmonton	342,840	115,965	176,275
Lethbridge	14,520	19,442	84,325
Medicine Hat	20,390	835	1,645
British Columbia	700,426	817,827	1,049,158
Kamloops	4,983	8,215	5,825
Nanaimo	1,175	950	75
x New Westminster	26,050	56,000	50,750
Prince Rupert	16,000	39,455	11,875
x Vancouver	571,530	660,910	834,691
North Vancouver	7,580	6,740	21,975
x Victoria	73,108	45,557	123,967
Total - 61 Cities	8,224,074	10,879,505	14,029,564
x Total - 35 Cities	7,314,412	10,052,552	12,713,496



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1931,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920 - 1931.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$10,322,414; this was an increase of \$2,098,340, or 25.5 p.c., as compared with the total of \$8,224,074 in August, 1931, but a decline of \$770,606, or 7 p.c., in comparison with the aggregate of \$11,093,020 recorded in September of last year. The cumulative total for the first nine months of this year, (\$86,898,267), was lower than in 1930 and other years of the record; in considering these data, it should, however, be noted that there has also been a very decided decline in wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (1926=100) having fallen from 155.3 in the first three quarters of 1920, to 83.8 in the first nine months of the current year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000, and nearly 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$5,900,000. In addition, Brantford, Galt and Lethbridge reported the authorization of engineering projects valued at \$22,356, \$53,000 and \$75,000, respectively. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,000 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated in each class to cost approximately \$3,900,000.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1931, that of \$1,953,763, or 76.9 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$248,016 or 42.7 p.c. in Alberta was greatest.

As compared with September, 1930, there were gains of \$789,139 and \$1,514,244 in New Brunswick and Quebec, respectively. In the remaining provinces, there were reductions, of which that of \$224,483 or 61.5 p.c. in British Columbia was the largest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered higher totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. In Winnipeg and Vancouver, on the other hand, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Moncton, Saint John, Quebec City, Galt, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, York and East York Townships, Welland and Lethbridge showed increases as compared with both August, 1931, and September, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in September	Value of Permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1931	\$ 10,322,414	\$ 86,898,267	90.4	83.8
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	131.4	94.1
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	193.5	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	172.2	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	108.3
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	112.7	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 31.2 p.c. less than in 1930, and was also lower than the eleven-year average of \$122,210,012, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were much lower in 1931 than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1931, and September, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	September 1931	August 1931	September 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	179,207	326,365	192,862
x Halifax	172,512	274,865	186,632
New Glasgow	1,275	350	4,130
x Sydney	5,420	51,150	2,100
New Brunswick	841,469	170,670	52,330
Fredericton	15,890	43,950	Nil
x Moncton	81,900	32,335	15,755
x Saint John	743,679	94,385	36,575
Quebec	4,494,401	2,540,638	2,980,157
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,374,719	2,092,943	2,550,667
x Quebec	1,053,702	251,960	229,461
Shawinigan Falls	3,675	8,760	17,720
x Sherbrooke	24,100	85,400	75,150
x Three Rivers	16,755	28,025	4,885
x Westmount	21,450	73,550	102,274
Ontario	3,601,595	3,473,709	3,870,338
Belleville	8,650	9,600	5,175
x Brantford	29,048	6,912	53,771
Chatham	925	8,500	19,916
x Fort William	21,850	10,250	66,950
Galt	77,525	19,070	20,398
x Guelph	19,135	19,458	27,880
x Hamilton	226,600	253,500	364,400
x Kingston	30,399	28,810	33,123
x Kitchener	40,535	56,935	116,563
x London	122,520	236,950	116,955
Niagara Falls	1,420	6,487	37,680
Oshawa	16,585	20,505	8,125
x Ottawa	74,015	165,655	156,195
Owen Sound	6,450	5,000	30,500
x Peterborough	8,555	20,338	102,605
x Port Arthur	79,870	17,761	22,535
x Stratford	31,915	6,649	15,762
x St. Catharines	35,950	32,440	30,073
x St. Thomas	2,205	1,790	19,135
Sarnia	13,308	11,503	40,647
Sault Ste. Marie	21,380	201,345	54,125
x Toronto	2,179,430	1,834,752	1,854,398
York and East York Townships	483,030	460,777	454,772
Welland	48,582	12,990	42,050
x Windsor	4,370	11,235	103,625
East Windsor	750	2,100	25,423
Riverside	1,200	3,280	11,120
Sandwich	625	3,150	6,200
Walkerville	5,000	Nil	16,000
Woodstock	9,768	5,967	14,237
Manitoba	204,752	253,582	689,425
x Brandon	7,152	3,752	15,725
St. Boniface	5,200	21,680	5,650
x Winnipeg	192,400	228,150	668,050
Saskatchewan	152,920	177,780	839,131
x Moose Jaw	18,900	2,610	48,638
x Regina	39,525	64,095	314,788
x Saskatoon	94,495	111,075	475,705
Alberta	332,888	580,904	1,129,112
x Calgary	141,184	203,154	918,332
x Edmonton	99,970	342,840	178,450
Lethbridge	90,144	14,520	9,530
Medicine Hat	1,590	20,390	22,800
British Columbia	515,182	700,426	1,339,665
Kamloops	6,745	4,983	17,555
Nanaimo	2,375	1,175	5,325
x New Westminster	24,480	26,050	26,915
Prince Rupert	3,290	16,000	7,870
x Vancouver	449,335	571,530	1,142,707
North Vancouver	725	7,580	8,730
x Victoria	28,232	73,108	130,563
Total - 61 Cities	10,322,414	8,224,074	11,093,020
x Total - 35 cities	9,496,307	7,314,412	10,207,342

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1931, AND OCTOBER, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$8,713,402; this was a decrease of \$1,609,012, or 15.6 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$10,322,414, and of \$4,043,000, or 31.7 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$12,756,402 for October, 1930. The cumulative total for the elapsed ten months of 1931 (\$95,611,669) was also lower than the average for the same period in the eleven years, 1920-1930; in connection with these data, however, it should be noted that there has also been a very decided decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index having fallen from 154.4 p.c. of the 1926 base in the first ten months of 1920 to 83.0 p.c. in the months January-October of the present year, a decline of 46 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,500,000, and about 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$3,800,000. In addition, Brantford, Saskatoon and Prince Rupert reported the authorization of undertakings classed as engineering projects valued at \$32,246, \$300,000 and \$100,000, respectively. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 800 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000 and \$5,900,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan recorded increases of 49.0 p.c. and 479.8 p.c., respectively in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1931. The greatest decrease in this comparison was that of \$908,816 or 20.2 p.c. in Quebec.

In the comparison with October, 1930, there were gains of 184.2 p.c. and 40.1 p.c. in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan, respectively; the other provinces recorded declines, that of \$2,196,813 or 38.0 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in comparison with both September, 1931, and October, 1930. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Fort William, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Walkerville, Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Rupert reported increases over September, 1931, and October, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1931.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued first ten months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926 = 100).
1931	\$ 8,713,402	\$ 95,611,669	89.7	83.0
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	130.6	93.3
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	191.5	99.6
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	175.7	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	150.2	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	126.6	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	102.9	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	103.2	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	111.0	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	119.7	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	93.7	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	100.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 31.3 p.c. lower than in 1930, and was also less than the eleven-year average of \$136,028,700, while the average under numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were much lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 cities.

Cities	October, 1931	November, 1931	October, 1930.
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	-	-	2,000
x Halifax	267,010	179,207	93,942
New Glasgow	257,798	172,512	80,342
x Sydney	6,700	1,275	5,090
New Brunswick	2,512	5,420	8,510
Fredericton	64,853	841,469	168,663
x Moncton	17,000	15,890	Nil
x Saint John	12,920	81,900	124,975
Quebec	34,933	743,679	43,688
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,585,585	4,494,401	5,782,398
x Quebec	3,129,122	3,374,719	5,238,888
Shawinigan Falls	365,093	1,053,702	297,815
x Sherbrooke	1,540	3,675	10,000
x Three Rivers	67,500	24,100	52,100
x Westmount	8,550	16,755	19,695
Ontario	13,780	21,450	163,900
Belleville	2,939,938	3,601,595	4,367,180
x Brantford	13,935	8,650	26,850
Chatham	48,291	29,048	56,100
x Fort William	6,050	925	32,816
Galt	30,150	21,850	14,300
x Guelph	2,440	77,525	9,778
x Hamilton	15,413	19,135	35,681
x Kingston	205,450	226,600	451,550
x Kitchener	24,739	30,399	51,537
x London	67,167	40,535	172,243
Niagara Falls	84,700	122,520	105,880
Oshawa	29,045	1,420	66,448
x Ottawa	1,030	16,585	11,005
Owen Sound	160,640	74,015	227,520
x Peterborough	5,000	6,450	Nil
x Port Arthur	31,850	8,555	26,780
x Stratford	80,236	79,870	8,550
x St. Catharines	14,810	31,915	11,885
x St. Thomas	69,285	35,950	104,147
Sarnia	4,750	2,205	7,600
Sault Ste. Marie	15,404	13,308	51,739
x Toronto	10,517	21,380	57,074
York and East York Townships	1,595,827	2,179,430	2,061,078
Welland	337,187	483,030	605,629
x Windsor	12,349	48,582	28,375
East Windsor	22,067	4,370	30,180
Riverside	590	750	12,900
Sandwich	450	1,200	11,125
Walkerville	875	625	34,750
Woodstock	43,000	5,000	33,000
Manitoba	6,691	9,768	20,660
x Brandon	199,582	204,752	464,300
St. Boniface	2,162	7,152	9,200
x Winnipeg	8,020	5,200	14,250
Saskatchewan	189,400	192,400	440,850
x Moose Jaw	886,510	152,920	632,755
x Regina	125	18,900	400,275
x Saskatoon	519,210	39,525	124,090
Sberta	367,175	94,495	108,390
x Calgary	269,403	332,888	415,517
x Edmonton	154,165	141,184	256,933
Lechbridge	90,710	99,970	102,035
Medicine Hat	21,928	90,144	54,554
British Columbia	2,600	1,590	1,995
Kamloops	500,521	515,182	829,647
Nanaimo	9,255	6,745	9,345
x New Westminster	200	2,375	8,790
Prince Rupert	23,796	24,480	28,850
x Vancouver	103,885	3,290	7,554
North Vancouver	323,875	449,335	690,595
x Victoria	6,090	725	9,210
	33,420	28,232	75,303
Total - 61 cities	8,713,402	10,322,414	12,756,402
x Total - 35 cities	8,051,621	9,496,307	11,631,465

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1931,
AND NOVEMBER, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$7,992,815. This was a slight seasonal decline of \$720,587, or 8.3 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$8,713,402, and a reduction of \$3,828,477, or 32.4 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1930, figure of \$11,821,292. The total for November, 1931, was lower than the average for November of the last 11 years; the cumulative value for the elapsed 11 months of 1931 was lower than in the same period in any of the years, 1920-30, but it should be noted in this connection that there has also been a very decided decline in wholesale costs of building materials. The Bureau's index has fallen from 153.4 p.c. of the 1926 base in the first 11 months of 1920 to 82.7 p.c. in the same months of 1931, a decrease of 46.1 p.c. as compared with 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$4,000,000, and about 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$3,000,000. In addition, Saskatoon reported a bridge valued at \$850,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 900 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,500,000 and \$3,800,000, respectively.

Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$511,135, or 14.3 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1930, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$2,200,973, or 41.7 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal and Toronto recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month and also with November of a year ago. In Winnipeg, there was an increase in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Quebec City, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon and Nanaimo reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months, (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100).
1931	\$ 7,992,815	\$ 103,573,426	92.3	82.7
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	134.6	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	196.3	99.5
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	181.0	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	154.1	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	129.2	100.2
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	104.9	103.8
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	107.1	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	112.8	111.7
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	123.6	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	99.2	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	100.0	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 31.4 p.c. lower than in 1930, and was also lower than the eleven-year average of \$147,127,689, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were much lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1931, and November, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1931	October, 1931	November, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,000
Iva Scotia	151,860	267,010	88,340
x Halifax	149,285	257,798	77,060
New Glasgow	365	6,700	605
x Sydney	2,210	2,512	10,675
New Brunswick	5,015	64,853	375,780
Fredericton	625	17,000	Nil
x Moncton	-	12,920	7,950
x Saint John	4,390	34,933	367,830
Quebec	3,074,450	3,585,585	5,275,423
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,622,850	3,129,122	4,853,575
x Quebec	386,800	365,093	153,955
Shawinigan Falls	925	1,540	Nil
x Sherbrooke	28,000	67,500	58,400
x Three Rivers	33,775	8,550	135,285
x Westmount	2,100	13,780	74,228
Ontario	3,058,143	2,939,938	3,962,113
Belleville	11,250	13,935	17,800
x Brantford	36,037	48,291	167,409
Chatham	4,400	6,050	12,191
x Fort William	70,200	30,150	415,150
Galt	3,830	2,440	6,345
x Guelph	14,430	15,413	20,472
x Hamilton	434,900	205,450	385,700
x Kingston	22,484	24,739	18,754
x Kitchener	22,441	67,167	87,225
x London	107,190	84,700	75,820
Niagara Falls	8,455	29,045	4,925
Oshawa	5,685	1,030	2,230
x Ottawa	193,330	160,640	231,245
Owen Sound	Nil	5,000	9,400
x Peterborough	33,540	31,850	19,050
x Port Arthur	11,631	80,236	7,505
x Stratford	3,825	14,810	6,925
x St. Catharines	52,575	69,285	56,420
x St. Thomas	600	4,750	3,307
Sarnia	20,565	15,404	27,642
Sault Ste. Marie	24,589	10,517	10,775
x Toronto	1,313,172	1,595,827	1,466,295
York & East York Townships	550,193	337,187	739,532
Welland	2,470	12,349	13,575
x Windsor	83,129	22,067	133,825
East Windsor	3,000	590	630
Riverside	Nil	450	6,400
Sandwich	580	875	4,000
Walkerville	8,000	43,000	4,000
Woodstock	15,642	6,691	7,566
Manitoba	219,705	199,582	192,825
x Brandon	4,700	2,162	100
St. Boniface	8,905	8,020	3,475
x Winnipeg	206,100	189,400	189,250
Saskatchewan	926,440	886,510	132,250
x Moose Jaw	12,775	125	26,640
x Regina	24,640	519,210	48,535
x Saskatoon	889,025	367,175	57,075
Alberta	157,299	269,403	528,076
x Calgary	100,691	154,165	197,971
x Edmonton	43,525	90,710	58,210
Lethbridge	11,858	21,928	267,170
Medicine Hat	1,225	2,600	4,725
British Columbia	399,903	500,521	1,249,185
Kamloops	3,135	9,255	25,140
Nanaimo	3,100	200	2,965
x New Westminster	19,900	23,796	28,910
Prince Rupert	7,695	103,885	3,400
x Vancouver	335,740	323,875	1,105,575
North Vancouver	1,131	6,090	6,440
x Victoria	29,202	33,420	77,055
total - 61 Cities	7,992,815	8,713,402	11,821,282
total - 35 Cities	7,295,192	8,051,621	10,621,282

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1931, AND DECEMBER 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920 - 1931.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1931, represented construction work valued at \$7,397,984, as compared with \$7,992,815 in November, 1931, and \$15,440,281 in December, 1930. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$594,831 or eight p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$8,042,297 or 52.1 p.c. in comparison with the high total for the same month in 1930. In this record, which goes back to 1920, the December, 1931, figure was exceeded by the total for December of the years, 1926-1930, but was larger than the aggregate for December in the preceding six years, while the wholesale costs of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, was lower than in any other year since 1920.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 400 permits for dwellings valued at some \$1,900,000 and over 1,000 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$5,000,000. During November, the construction of some 800 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba registered increases in the value of the authorized building; the gains of \$342,857 or 11.2 p.c. in Ontario, and \$246,265 or 112.1 p.c. in Manitoba were most pronounced. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$898,462 or 97.0 p.c. in Saskatchewan being greatest.

All provinces except New Brunswick recorded decreases as compared with December, 1930, in value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked loss of \$4,158,200 or 57.4 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto showed increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, but decreases in comparison with December, 1930. In Winnipeg, there was a loss in the former and a gain in the latter comparison, while Vancouver reported declines as compared with both November, 1931, and December, 1930. Moncton, Saint John, Galt, Hamilton, Stratford, Welland, Brandon and Nanaimo recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1931.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1931 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1931 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-1931. (Average 1926=100).

	Value of Permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1920=100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (1926=100).
1931	\$ 7,397,984	\$ 110,971,410	94.8	82.6
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	142.2	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	200.8	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	187.2	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	157.8	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	133.6	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	108.2	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	108.6
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	99.8	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	152.4

The unrevised statistics for 1931 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should also be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in November and December, 1931, and December, 1930. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1931	November, 1931	December, 1930
E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ Nil
va Scotia	70,355	151,860	227,202
X Halifax	70,305	149,285	217,762
New Glasgow	50	365	140
X Sydney	Nil	2,210	9,300
w Brunswick	7,315	5,015	5,435
Fredericton	Nil	625	Nil
X Moncton	360	Nil	200
X Saint John	6,955	4,390	5,235
ebec	3,086,810	3,074,450	7,245,010
X Montreal X Maisonneuve	2,982,690	2,622,850	6,675,354
X Quebec	83,195	386,800	501,836
Shawinigan Falls	500	925	Nil
X Sherbrooke	9,300	28,000	54,000
X Three Rivers	9,000	33,775	8,820
X Westmount	2,125	2,100	5,000
Ontario	3,401,000	3,058,143	4,197,903
Belleville	Nil	11,250	133,920
X Brantford	55,958	36,037	427,115
Chatham	6,450	4,400	153,294
X Fort William	10,200	70,200	11,200
Galt	26,862	3,830	9,075
X Guelph	10,116	14,430	7,162
X Hamilton	557,250	434,900	190,300
X Kingston	19,277	22,484	9,900
X Kitchener	22,394	22,441	14,723
X London	50,225	107,190	30,060
Niagara Falls	15,521	8,455	39,330
Oshawa	900	5,685	20,475
X Ottawa	96,810	193,330	128,570
Owen Sound	4,500	Nil	20,200
X Peterborough	200	33,540	10,370
X Port Arthur	2,970	11,631	12,622
X Stratford	7,745	3,825	5,663
X St. Catharines	22,527	52,575	24,125
X St. Thomas	Nil	600	8,565
Sarnia	14,522	20,565	17,200
Sault Ste. Marie	9,825	24,589	2,075
X Toronto	2,214,509	1,313,172	2,538,096
York & East York Townships	164,685	550,193	300,582
Welland	6,150	2,470	5,300
X Windsor	66,625	83,129	49,250
East Windsor	3,556	3,000	4,250
Riverside	-	Nil	600
Sandwich	Nil	580	1,200
Walkerville	Nil	8,000	21,000
Woodstock	11,223	15,642	1,681
Manitoba	465,970	219,705	661,950
X Brandon	225,870	4,700	1,800
St. Boniface	163,600	8,905	609,000
X Winnipeg	76,500	206,100	51,150
Saskatchewan	27,978	926,440	225,995
X Moose Jaw	150	12,775	300
X Regina	25,728	24,640	192,220
X Saskatoon	2,100	889,025	33,475
Alberta	67,308	157,299	155,781
X Calgary	57,700	100,691	62,904
X Edmonton	4,890	43,525	27,765
Lethbridge	3,718	11,858	14,712
Medicine Hat	1,000	1,225	50,400
British Columbia	271,248	399,903	2,721,005
Kamloops	2,020	3,135	11,800
Nanaimo	24,125	3,100	15,960
X New Westminster	11,250	19,900	16,525
Prince Rupert	1,235	7,695	2,700
X Vancouver	215,900	335,740	2,593,150
North Vancouver	2,800	1,131	16,933
X Victoria	13,918	29,202	63,937
Total - 61 Cities	7,397,984	7,992,815	15,440,281
X Total - 35 Cities	6,934,742	7,295,192	13,988,454

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